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Subject: thoughts on sales tax

i oppose the sales tax very much for the following reasons:

1. it would create a lot of administration troubles to many businesses.
2. the root class suffers much, even the govt says that many relieves would be given to them.
3. the sales in hk, esp in international perspective, would be hampered and hk would lose its competitiveness and its reputation as tax heaven and shoppers' paradise.
4. it would make hk even worse, it's worse already, and elite people would move to other place, even shenzhen, for better livelihood.
5. the govt should focus on better public administration, e.g the employee pay should be fair when compared internally within the govt and also with the private sectors. currently the remuneration of govt employees is still far better than those in private sector, given the work and hardship undertaken by the employees. the medical system is not good, people need to pay e.g. say the emergency treatment costs, but a clerk in the hospital may get very high pay. the link can turn a deficit account into profit in one year with public shopping centres. should the public administration is better, less wastage taken place, people's livelihood, e.g. living, medical, environment, education, elderly care, should all be improved.
6. the gov't is currently having surplus in annual account and also has big savings from previous years, why still need to impose such tax? why don't wait until there's need for such concern. even so, the gov't may consider other alternatives, eg raising debts when need arises. there's no such concern or in the foreseeable future.