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The Hon Mrs Rita Fan GBS, JP
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Dear Rita

Consultation Period for GST

The Hong Kong Institute of Directors takes the view that the questions of whether Hong Kong should widen its tax base and whether GST is an appropriate solution in this regard are matters of great public interest and importance and are questions of equal great importance to our members as individuals and to the companies that they work for. We are holding discussion groups to ascertain the views of our members and our Economics and Public Affairs Committee is also studying the merits and implications in detail before making a submission. As our above activities take time we have planned to complete the tasks at hand within the nine-month consultation period.

Accordingly, we would object to any plans to cut short the consultation period or to stop the consultation. We wish our views to be taken into consideration and respected during the forthcoming Motion Debate by the Legislative Council. Should you wish us to be present to represent our views we would be happy to do so.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely
THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS

(Signed)

~~Peter S H Wong~~
Chairman