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Subject: Opposition to the GST Proposal

Dear Mr. TANG,

I am strongly oppose to the imposition of GST.

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I think the proper alternative will be the Government to cut civil service salaries and to maximize the overall productivity of civil servants.

Public recurrent expenditures including unnecessary social welfare, medical and education spending should also be cut. Social welfare and medical benefits should not be made available to mainlanders at the expense of <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Hong Kong expayers.

Because of the globalization trend, to make Hong Kong competitive, salaries of civil servants, professors in Universities and Medical professionals in Hospital Authority should be cut to match adjoining regions.

So many well-educated and well-qualified people in Hong Kong are either out of work or earning very low salary compared to the civil servants at the moments. This is social injustice.

The Government should have the courage to take active steps to cut civil service salaries and benefits to match private sectors and peers in adjoining regions.

The balance of payments may be achieved by cutting down Government expenditures, enhancing the productivity of the civil service and by adopting a progressive tax system and increase the taxation rate if necessary on corporate earnings.

A Hong Kong Citizen