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Dear sir,

I understand the government has been trying her best to enlarge the income for Hong Kong. I found except the GSP, what about the tax/rent on the New Territories's shelter house.

I recently found out that some people who live in the so-called shelter house in the New Territories. Most of them are keep on renovating their house, from wood made to steel and bricks. Then, they rent out to someone and even sell to people to make money. They are so rich of running this houses in the New Territories. I think it's not fair especially we are paying tax/rent on lands. They are taking the most benefits, such as:-

- 1) no need to apply for authorization by Lands Department
- 2) no need to pay the quarterly tax or rent to the government
- 3) no registration fees

If one who have guts of building these houses without anyone's objection, you can easily do it. But, we are the originale of New Territories, if we want to build the house, we have to pay loads of money and process even take several years for an approval.

I think you must take action of asking these so-called poor people to pay this kind of fees in long term. The world has changed, we are not the agricultural society anymore. They don't need to occupy this house anymore. They have enjoyed this benefits since 60's, and time to change.

I would say land is important and valuable to us, why one enjoy this without even pay a dollar? Is our government generous? If you require further information, I would happy to assist and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
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