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To: taxreform@fstb.gov.hk  
cc:  
Subject: my view as a HK citizen

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a born and bred Hong Kong citizen. I now own a business and therefore, every bit of HK concerns me. I oppose to the application of GST to HK for reasons stated by many people. We enjoy HK as a free port, the freedom and ease of coming/going, import/export, setting up businesses/chasing after your dreams, traveling and of course shopping and buying anything and everything.. We have pride ourselves as a shopping haven and can only continue to have the competitive edge by remaining and building upon what makes us different from other places. The government has plenty of other options to increase revenue but posing GST is not a sensible way to do so.. I lived in Canada and the US for many years and they both have GST.. Many people made special trips to Alberta shopping, why?? because there's no GST.. such a small thing can impact a city/country hugely.. I am not sure how many of you, government officials have friends visiting from overseas each year.. My partner and I get many!

You know what they love about HK? CONVENIENCE!! Well adding GST after each time they look at a price tag or go to the cash register is not a CONVENIENCE but a nucence..

Please consider to drop this subject! Your time can be better spend in many other areas that are important and helpful to HK!

We love HK!!

Regards,

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