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Dear Mr. Tang

I totally agree with you that a broad tax base is important for a country. However, we should not forget the idea of tax is a redistribution of wealth. This is the highest level of a tax system. Indeed the tax payer is only a few % of the working population. In the western countries the government officials be it high or low are making within 20% salaries and paying 30% salary tax. A GST would not hurt no body. In our own town (HK). The salary difference between high ranking officials or manager could be double or triple the low ranking officials or employees. Here we go a suitable tax system is more important than a broad tax base over here in HK.

In HK:

we have growing old population;

we have huge gap with the rich and the poor;

we have solid and rich tax payer, they won't vanish;

we have a large group of un-protected and low salary workers paying little or no tax.

Yes it is not a healthy situation, and we do not have too many job sectors; no industries only services

Let's worry about the economy and please do not hurt the valuable remaining service industries in HK.

Let's create more jobs for the people with adjusted tax allowance to encourage them to raise more children stay away from subsidies from the government and work for their own living expenses.

That's all folks

Please do not ask the tax payers to come up with a better tax system. You, the government officials, are paid with high salaries to take care of the HK people and their well beings.

Best Regards

Tsang Chiu Tak, a jobless 58 year old man who contributed a more than fair share of tax to the HK Inland Revenue Department.

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