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Subject: Suggestions on the Budget for 2007-2008

I suggest that we levy sales tax (GST) and other consumer taxes. The tourism industry is moving upwards again, and Hong Kong's most attractive feature is its wide range of shopping. We should try to raise more money for the government through "external" money, rather than "internal" money.

In the long run, I hope the above and other factors can help lower the amount of taxes on the middle class of Hong Kong. I, as one of the middle class residents of Hong Kong, often feel the pinch the hardest. From Income (Salaries) taxes to the Interest rates, Hong Kong is becoming less and less attractive of a place to live. And that statement is sad to have to say, since Hong Kong is my home.

Please continue to lead Hong Kong in the way that best benefits its people.

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