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Subject: My views on the 2007-08 Budget

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Dear Mr Henry Tang

I give my views on the 2007-08 Budget as follows:

1. The salary tax should be reduced to the 2002/03 level.
2. Since the government revenue has significantly increased in the past 2 years because of increase in stamp duty and other levies, extra monies levied from salary tax during the past 2 years as a result of increase in tax rates should be refunded back to the tax payers. I have paid almost 50% more in salary tax last year because of the tax increase, despite that my salary remains more or less the same. Many people like me did not have the spare money to spend to help improve the economy.
3. I support the widening of the tax base, including the levy of GST, if not on all goods, at least on more luxurious goods.
4. I support the levy of sea and land departure tax at the same rate as the airport tax. To avoid causing adverse impact on the Hong Kong-mainland business cooperation and on those people who go to school/work on the other side of the border, people can opt for either a levy per trip or a monthly levy at a discount.
5. I support the increase in levy in all government-granted licences, including the private car licence fee.
6. The expenses of the government should not be expanded. The past few years prove that the government has room to reduce its expenditure, especially in the social welfare, housing and medical sectors. These sectors should tighten their control and screening in the face of increase in demand rather than asking for more and more budget.
7. The government should not be granted the budget to build a new government building in the Timer area, Admiralty. It is only a show-off and a waste of money. The old government building can be moderately renovated at a much less cost than building a new one.
8. More budget should be allocated to the development of arts and cultural activities.
9. More budget should be allocated towards making a sustainable environment for Hong Kong (such as subsidizing recycling businesses and cleaning up Hong Kong's air and sea quality).

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

(Name Provided)

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