Questions Raised in the Government's Consultation Document

CHAPTER 1 Is tax reform required in Hong Kong?

- 1. Do you think that our existing tax base is too narrow?
- 2. Do you believe that Hong Kong needs a tax base where revenue generated from diversified sources that are less susceptible to external shocks and cyclical economic conditions?
- 3. Do you think the Government should take action to reform the tax base to ensure our future growth and prosperity?

CHAPTER 2 Broadening the tax base: what are our options?

- 4. Do you agree that there are are only two viable options?
- 5. Do you agree that a reduction in personal allowances is not a preferred option?

CHAPTER 3 The case of GST

6. Do you agree that GST is an appropriate option to broaden Hong Kong's narrow tax base?

CHAPTER 4 What is GST and how does it work?

7. Do you agree that GST is preferable to RST as a form of general consumption tax?

CHAPTER 5 A proposed GST framework for Hong Kong

8. What are your views on the proposed GST framework and design features as outlined in this Chapter?

CHAPTER 6 Households: impacts and offsets

- 9. Do you support providing tax relief and compensation measures for households if GST is introduced?
- 10. What are your views on the measures proposed in this Chapter?
- 11. How do you think that Group 2 should be defined?

CHAPTER 7 Business and other organisations: impacts and offsets

- 12. Should we use the opportunity of tax reform to enhance business competitiveness in Hong Kong, by reducing existing taxes and charges on businesses if GST is introduced?
- 13. What are your views on the measures proposed in this Chapter?

CHAPTER 8 Options for returning the funds from GST to the public

14. What are your suggestions on how to return the remaining balance of available funds to the community?

CHAPTER 9 Economic and industry sector implications

15. What are your views on the economic and industry sector impacts of a GST in Hong Kong?