2026 Policy Address

Highlight of proposed tax measures

Develop a more attractive asset and wealth management ecosystem

- Introduce a bill in 2026 to enable the privatisation or restructuring of real estate investment trusts (REITs), and another bill in the first half of 2027 to provide a stamp-duty waiver for the transfer of non-residential properties into REITs seeking to list.
- Streamline the procedures to attract quality overseas REITs to Hong Kong for dual-listing.

Expand the International Metal Trading and Delivery Network

- Implement a half-rate tax concession for physical commodity trading to attract more commodity traders to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.
- Explore a proposal to provide tax concessions for qualifying activities within the gold and commodity trading ecosystem for consultation with the Legislative Council (LegCo) next year.

Encourage Enterprises to Establish Corporate Treasury Centres (CTCs) and Sourcing Centres

- An amendment bill will be introduced in the first half of 2027 on tax concessionary measures applicable to CTCs.
- A tax concession of 5%, or half-rate, may be offered to attract high value-added enterprises to set up headquarters and regional headquarters in Hong Kong to manage their supply chain and sourcing businesses.

Attract Enterprises and Investments and Intensify Industry Development

- Introduce an amendment bill into the LegCo by year-end, providing preferential tax rates of 5%, or half-rate, for selected enterprises operating in key sectors such as finance, advanced manufacturing, R&D in I&T, headquarters activities and logistics and supply chain management.

Eleven Measures to Promote Fertility

- Include extending the $20,000 newborn baby bonus for three years, a waiver in stamp duty on residential property purchased by eligible families capped at $20,000, increasing the newborn baby bonus to $30,000 and raising child allowance for the second or subsequent child born, etc.

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