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## **Two Suggestions on Healthcare Reform**

(1) Tobacco, liquor, and methyl alcohol have cost implications on our society in terms of health and lost productivity. High taxes on these products have been shown to increase cessation of the use. The Social Health Insurance program may also be funded by additional dedicated taxes on these products.

(2) Many people in Hong Kong have betting accounts with the Hong Kong Jockey Club. For each betting made via Hong Kong Jockey Club, a certain percentage, say 20%, of the betting amount can be transferred to the individual medical accounts (for Medical Savings Accounts, Mandatory Health Insurance, Personal Healthcare Reserve) as contributions to the medical plan.

For your consideration, please.

Please note that I wish to remain anonymous when my views are published. Thanks.

Regards,