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I fully support carrying out-Stage 2 of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme.

I understand that-it will raise costs for a number of businesses, but I think that Hong Kong's way forward as an integrated part of the Chinese economy depends on us continuing to differentiate ourselves as the best city in which to live and do business.- This will be how we attract-firms' regional headquarters-and the most highly paid executives, which help to spur on the rest of the economy.

Being the best city means having-the best legal system, the best schools, the best medical care, the best air quality, and also the best water quality.

I think Hong Kong citizens like myself would also take a certain amount of civic pride in having a clean harbour where all the disposed wastewater has been fully treated.- I look forward to taking part in a cross-harbour swim!

best regards,
Jeff Bent