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Transport in Hong Kong

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Hong Kong is a small place
- 1.2 but it's home to nearly seven million people.
- 1.3 There's little flat land
- 1.4 but the Government has successfully built about 2 000 km of roads and over 200 km of railways
- 1.5 on reclaimed land and over hilly terrain.
- 1.6 Hong Kong's global reputation as a premier financial and service centre, the world's busiest container port, as well as a major passenger transport centre
- 1.7 depends heavily on a well-organised road network and an efficient transport system.
- 1.8 Whether you live and work here or are just visiting
- 1.9 you soon get to appreciate Hong Kong's multi-modal transport system.
- 1.10 It owes much to the inputs of professionals in the planning and management of the entire system as well as the efforts of public corporations and private sector operators.
- 1.11 They all work hard to meet the challenge of keeping Hong Kong moving.

2. Public Transport and Transport Infrastructure

- 2.1 For some 90% of the population, transport to and from work or recreation depends on public transport – total patronage of all public transport modes exceeds 12 million passenger journeys daily.
- 2.2 of which, over 4 million passenger journeys are made on the rail systems.
- 2.3 The Mass Transit Railway (MTR) operates 9 rail lines.
- 2.4 It also offers Light Rail Transit (LRT) in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long districts as well as feeder bus services.
- 2.5 The journey from Central to the Hong Kong International Airport or the AsiaWorld-Expo by Airport Express takes about 20 odd minutes.
- 2.6 And, the Intercity Passenger Services of the MTR provides train services for travellers to and from the capital, Beijing, and other Mainland cities.
- 2.7 Hong Kong has an effectively planned and co-ordinated network of some

- 600 bus routes,
- 2.8 franchised to five companies,
- 2.9 serving the busiest areas.
- 2.10 as well as some remote corners of Hong Kong,
- 2.11 making more than 4 million passenger journeys each day.
- 2.12 Transport is well-integrated and interchanges are convenient.
- 2.13 Travelling by the MTR and then by bus or minibus
- 2.14 is convenient with the use of an “Octopus” smart card.
- 2.15 And there’s more. The cable-hauled Peak Tram, a favourite with tourists and with residents on a day out, makes about 13 000 passenger journeys each day on the steep climb to Victoria Peak.
- 2.16 CHILD: Mum! That’s the ferry we went on just now!
- 2.17 Each day, some 150 000 passenger journeys are made by franchised ferries
- 2.18 and *kaitos* in remote areas.
- 2.19 CHILD: Can we go on the tram, too?
- 2.20 The trams, with centennial history and running along the north of the Hong Kong Island, make close to 250 000 passenger trips a day.
- 2.21 Most public transport operators offer concessionary fares to the elderly and the children
- 2.22 and there is an increasing provision of facilities for people with various disabilities.
- 2.23 Hong Kong’s taxis, minibuses and non-franchised buses together make more than 3 million passenger journeys daily.
- 2.24 Non-franchised buses offer student, tour, hotel, employees’ and residents’ services
- 2.25 as well as land-based cross-boundary services and so on.
- 2.26 CHILD: Where does the escalator lead to?
- 2.27 The escalator system serves the Island’s mid-levels and Central District, relieving the pressure on the roads in those areas.

3. Roads

- 3.1 Over half a million licensed vehicles

- 3.2 make use of Hong Kong's road network which centres on a number of strategic routes
- 3.3 including expressways, tunnels, bridges, viaducts, interchanges and
- 3.4 the Tsing Ma Bridge, the world's longest suspension bridge carrying both road and rail traffic.
- 3.5 Continuous improvements are being made to the road network with the Shenzhen Bay Bridge and its slip roads as well as the Route 8 connecting Sha Tin and the Lantau Island as striking examples in recent years.
- 3.6 Plans on the provision of major roads and facilities are in the pipeline
- 3.7 to further improve the traffic flow in busy districts.

4. Cross-boundary Traffic

- 4.1 With the economic and social exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland on the increase,
- 4.2 cross boundary cargo traffic and passenger traffic grow at a quick pace.
- 4.3 Cross boundary vehicles make about a daily average of some 40 000 trips.
- 4.4 There are also over 400 000 land boundary crossing passenger trips every day.
- 4.5 To cope with the greatly increased cross-boundary traffic demand, a number of measures have been taken,
- 4.6 such as the long-haul cross-boundary bus services to Guangdong Province and nearby provinces
- 4.7 as well as short-haul services linking Hong Kong and boundary control points.
- 4.8 Both Lok Ma Chau Spur Line and Shenzhen Bay Port Control Points are equipped with public transport interchange facilities
- 4.9 where services of franchised buses, green minibuses and taxis are available, providing cross-boundary tourists with various alternatives.

5. The Transport and Housing Bureau

- 5.1 The task of mapping out Hong Kong's overall policies of land transport and ferry services
- 5.2 falls onto the Transport and Housing Bureau headed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing
- 5.3 with the Transport Advisory Committee making recommendations on major transport policies and issues,

- 5.4 the Transport Panel of the Legislative Council monitoring and studying transport policy issues and matters of public concern.
- 5.5 On local transport matters, the Government is further advised
- 5.6 by District Councils and their Traffic and Transport Committees.

6. The Transport Department

- 6.1 The Transport Department was established on 1 December 1968
- 6.2 The Department strives to provide the world's best transport system.
- 6.3 A continuing programme of traffic management and control helps to improve traffic flows and signaling
- 6.4 with most signalised road junctions falling under increasingly sophisticated area traffic control.
- 6.5 Major strategic roads such as the Lantau Link, the Tuen Mun Road and tunnels
- 6.6 are equipped with advanced traffic control and surveillance facilities.
- 6.7 As a logistics hub in the area,
- 6.8 measures that assist the safe and speedy delivery of goods have also been introduced.
- 6.9 The Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre of the Department operates round the clock to monitor the traffic situation.
- 6.10 In cases of emergencies (such as natural disasters and incidents); and major public activities, the Centre would strengthen the manpower to implement appropriate traffic and transport arrangements.
- 6.11 The Department has applied information and telecommunication technologies to help make informed choices.
- 6.12 The Journey Time Indicators and live CCTV traffic images through the Internet are good examples.
- 6.13 The Department will continue development in the Transport Information System
- 6.14 to provide the public with more comprehensive traffic information
- 6.15 through an Intelligent Road Network and the Public Transport Information Service.
- 6.16 The Department is responsible for the regulation and co-ordination of various public transport services.

- 6.17 and the administration of the Road Traffic Ordinance and legislation monitoring traffic flow and public transport operations.
- 6.18 It also inspects vehicles for roadworthiness,
- 6.19 administers the legislation on vehicle safety requirements and brings prosecution against vehicles that have safety defects.
- 6.20 Moreover, the Department administers the driving offence points system under which drivers who have incurred a certain number of penalty points may be disqualified from driving by court.
- 6.21 The Department also strives to enhance road safety
- 6.22 by promoting the road safety vision and oval symbol “Zero Accidents on the Road, Hong Kong’s Goal” to all road users through different publicity means.
- 6.23 Under the concerted efforts by different parties, the number of deaths and injuries was greatly cut by 40% in the past forty years.
- 6.24 Government-owned public car parks and tunnels
- 6.25 as well as electronic parking meters that accept Octopus cards
- 6.26 are managed and operated under contract by private companies.
- 6.27 Private sector participation coupled with government monitoring has proved to be a highly effective way of utilising resources.
- 6.28 as well as enhancing operating efficiency and customer service level.
- 6.29 With the help of modern information technology,
- 6.30 the public may obtain efficient services
- 6.31 when making applications for driving licences and vehicle licences at the licensing offices of the Department.
- 6.32 And, nearly all these applications can be made via the Internet or by post.
- 6.33 But of course, in a driving test, may it be written test or road test, you have to show up in person.
- 6.34 The Department also plays a part in conserving our environment
- 6.35 through pedestrianisation in busy areas with an aim to provide a pleasant environment for pedestrians.
- 6.36 The Department undertakes a range of planning functions. It ensures that road infrastructures are provided in a timely, economically viable, resource utilisation and environmentally acceptable manner to match town planning initiatives.

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- 6.37 Studies at different levels are conducted, including comprehensive territory-wide strategic transport studies,
- 6.38 studies on district traffic, freight transport and parking space demand.
- 6.39 Such studies draw up blueprints for Hong Kong's transport policies, infrastructure and
- 6.40 other improvement measures for the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

7. Wrap

- 7.1 Looking back upon the past 40 years, Hong Kong has constructed much world-class transport infrastructures.
- 7.2 Significant improvements, in terms of convenience and quality, in public transport services have been made, and advanced technologies have also been employed in traffic management.
- 7.3 The transport policies, infrastructures,
- 7.4 transport system and service standards that we are so proud of today
- 7.5 will continue to be refined and modified.
- 7.6 The Department will continue on its long-term planning and action
- 7.7 to provide a safe, reliable, efficient, environmental friendly and road users oriented transport system
- 7.8 with the Department's spirit "Putting Our Hearts Into It".

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