

SECTION 5 - PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Hong Kong has a diverse multi-modal public transport system, comprising an electrified Kowloon-Canton Railway, a Mass Transit Railway, an Airport Railway, a Light Rail Transit, a tramway, franchised buses, public light buses, taxis, residents' services, a funicular cable tramway and ferry services, extending to almost every part of the territory.

As the economy recovered, public transport patronage increased in 1999 by 0.6% over 1998 to 10.65 million passengers per day. The biggest increase of 2.8% was recorded on the franchised buses, while patronage on the railways decreased slightly by 0.5%. During the year, there were continuing improvements in the quality of franchised bus services, (e.g. more air-conditioned buses of Euro II standard and with Octopus equipment). In the cross harbour sector, Route 3 and West Harbour Crossing substantially shortened bus journey time such that bus routes offered an attractive alternative to the railways. More competition was injected into the bus market by the selection of New World First Bus Services Limited, which was previously an operator based on Hong Kong Island, to operate in the New Territories new town of Tseung Kwan O. The decrease in rail patronage was mainly due to the keen competition from the franchised buses combined with increased public sensitivity to prices during slow economic times.

The franchise of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company Limited (HYF) expired on 31 March 1999. The ferry services operated by HYF were grouped into eight packages and tendered out as licensed services at the end of 1998. Three-year licences in respect of these route packages were granted to HYF, Star Ferry Company Limited, Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry Limited; Shun Tak Ferries Limited and Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited which commenced services on 1 April 1999. With the approval of the Commissioner for Transport, the HYF licences were subsequently transferred to New World First Ferry Services Limited, which took over the operation of these services from 15 January 2000.

In October 1999, the Government announced *A Transport Strategy for the Future*. Under this strategy, railways were promoted as the backbone of Hong Kong's transport system, with other modes playing a supplementary although still very important role to ensure that commuters would continue to have choice of services.

Table 5.1 Average Daily Public Transport Passenger Journeys By Mode 1989 - 1999

Year	Bus (1)		Mass Transit Railway		Ferry (2)		Tram (3)		KCRC East Rail	
	Passenger Journeys	% Change	Passenger Journeys	% Change	Passenger Journeys	% Change	Passenger Journeys	% Change	Passenger Journeys	% Change
1989	3 572		1 884		320		357		474	
1990	3 504	(-1.9%)	1 970	(4.6%)	274	(-14.6%)	359	(0.4%)	496	(4.6%)
1991	3 490	(-0.4%)	1 989	(1.0%)	260	(-4.9%)	346	(-3.4%)	522	(5.3%)
1992	3 475	(-0.4%)	2 052	(3.2%)	242	(-7.1%)	348	(0.5%)	546	(4.6%)
1993	3 452	(-0.7%)	2 133	(3.9%)	235	(-2.9%)	352	(1.3%)	572	(4.8%)
1994	3 513	(1.8%)	2 203	(3.3%)	235	(-0.1%)	352	(0.0%)	609	(6.4%)
1995	3 605	(2.6%)	2 226	(1.1%)	222	(-5.3%)	320	(-9.1%)	641	(5.2%)
1996	3 754	(4.1%)	2 231	(0.2%)	214	(-3.7%)	307	(-4.3%)	678	(5.9%)
1997	3 900	(3.9%)	2 224	(-0.3%)	196	(-8.4%)	291	(-5.1%)	718	(5.8%)
1998	3 912	(0.3%)	2 185	(-1.8%)	172	(-12.4%)	264	(-9.4%)	738	(2.8%)
1999	4 021	(2.8%)	2 164	(-1.0%)	157	(-8.8%)	250	(-5.3%)	757	(2.5%)

Table 5.1 Average Daily Public Transport Passenger Journeys By Mode 1989 - 1999 (Cont'd)

Year	KCRC		Residential		Public (4)		Taxi	Total	
	Light Rail		Coach		Light Bus				
1989	171		30		1 744		1 220	9 772	
1990	200	(16.9%)	45	(51.9%)	1 743	(-0.1%)	1 237	9 829	(0.6%)
1991	225	(12.2%)	64	(42.1%)	1 724	(-1.1%)	1 249	9 870	(0.4%)
1992	252	(12.1%)	71	(10.4%)	1 726	(0.1%)	1 267	9 979	(1.1%)
1993	292	(15.8%)	86	(21.7%)	1 737	(0.6%)	1 274	10 133	(1.5%)
1994	320	(9.6%)	90	(4.6%)	1 777	(2.3%)	1 275	10 375	(2.4%)
1995	336	(4.8%)	94	(5.0%)	1 745	(-1.8%)	1 293	10 482	(1.0%)
1996	342	(1.7%)	106	(12.4%)	1 769	(1.4%)	1 293	10 694	(2.0%)
1997	346	(1.1%)	112	(5.3%)	1 591	(-10.0%)	1 298	10 675	(-0.2%)
1998	314	(-9.3%)	109	(-2.4%)	1 587	(-0.2%)	1 307	10 588	(-0.8%)
1999	314	(0.2%)	111	* (1.9%)	1 570	* (-1.1%)	1 310	10 653	* (0.6%)

Notes : Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

Taxi, although a personal form of transport, is subject to Government control and is included in this table for comparison purpose.

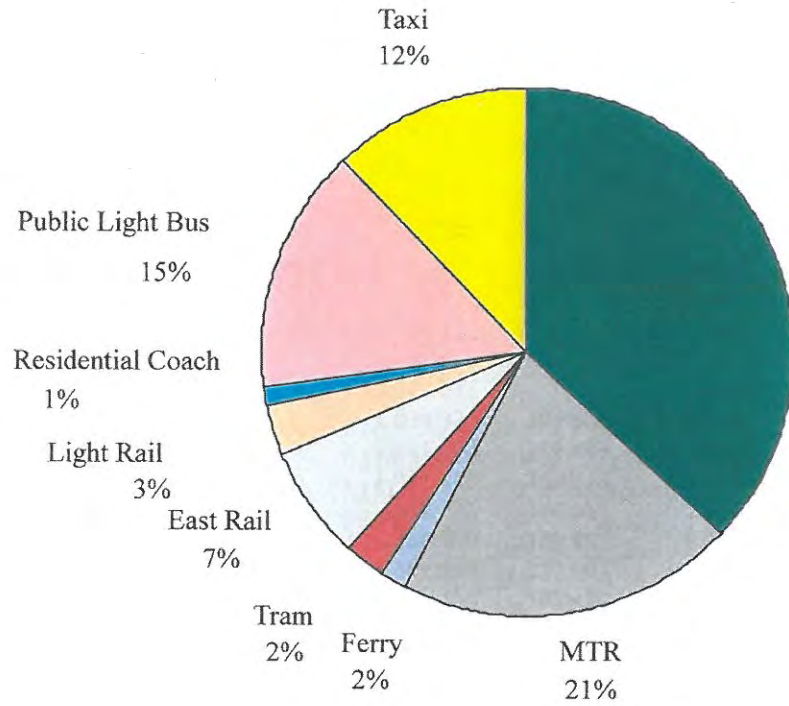
The figures in brackets are annual growth rates.

* Provisional figure

- (1) It includes Kowloon Motor Bus, China Motor Bus (before 1.9.1998), New Lantao Bus, Citybus, Long Win Bus, New World First Bus (on and after 1.9.1998) and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Buses.
- (2) It includes Star Ferry, Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry and licensed ferries.
- (3) It includes HK Tramways and Peak Tramways.
- (4) It includes green and red minibuses.

Chart 5.1 Average Daily Public Transport Passenger Journeys by Mode

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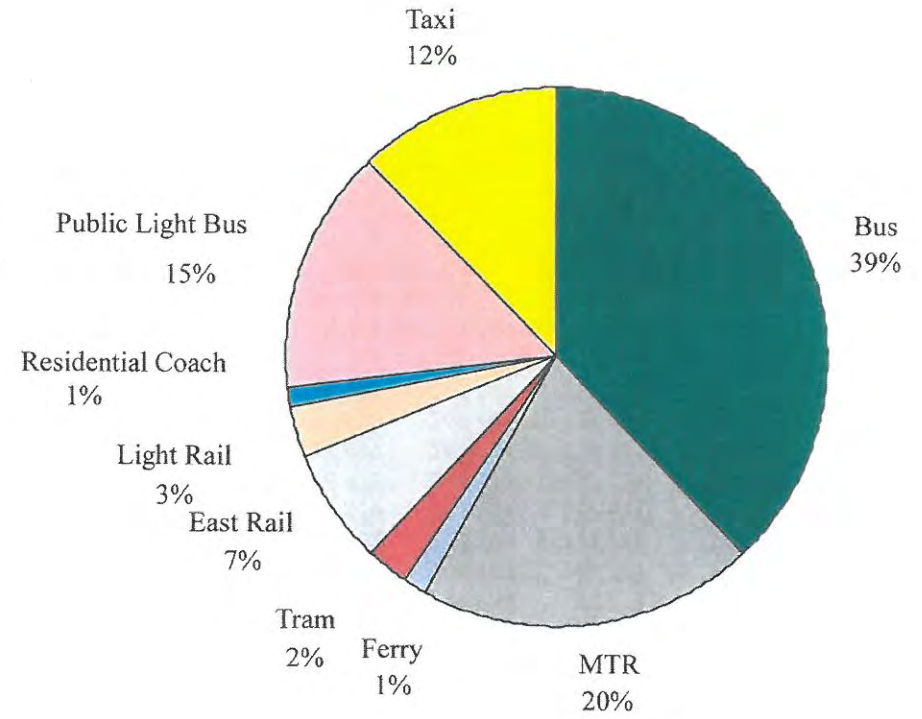


Table 5.2 Public Transport Passenger Journeys By Operator Group 1989 - 1999

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Year	/ Month	Kowloon	China	New	City-	Long		Mass	KCRC		Bus
		Motor Bus	Motor Bus #	Lantao Bus		bus	Win Bus+	New World First Bus #	Transit Railway	East Rail	
1989		973 886	298 813	3 877	-	-	-	687 598	173 094	62 596	27 081
1990		965 858	280 884	4 232	-	-	-	719 111	181 077	73 149	27 972
1991		968 082	267 145	4 286	182	-	-	725 966	190 668	82 061	33 984
1992		969 737	262 430	3 989	957	-	-	751 005	199 905	92 273	33 933
1993		965 849	235 665	4 106	22 203	-	-	778 509	208 863	106 555	32 005
1994		976 670	196 803	6 502	67 703	-	-	804 062	222 290	116 980	34 718
1995		995 997	190 973	5 377	87 504	-	-	812 519	233 804	122 651	35 960
1996		1 031 889	179 212	5 270	119 686	-	-	816 572	248 331	125 124	38 074
1997		1 051 102	176 449	5 923	147 750	2 883	-	811 897	262 024	126 185	39 251
1998		1 034 351	104 920	6 208	183 295	14 364	46 958	797 530	269 443	114 474	37 872
1999		1 060 011	-	5 449	203 009	16 901	160 371	789 705	276 248	114 712	22 031
1999	Jan	90 185	-	456	17 024	1 480	12 529	68 377	23 393	9 939	3 173
	Feb	79 831	-	562	15 143	1 413	11 168	59 869	21 157	8 642	2 635
	Mar	91 176	-	425	17 323	1 511	12 946	69 047	23 559	10 011	3 350
	Apr	85 308	-	501	16 187	1 469	12 277	63 040	22 554	9 200	2 903
	May	89 738	-	396	16 808	1 410	12 893	65 630	22 642	9 983	1 295
	Jun	86 579	-	404	16 893	1 396	12 745	64 566	22 109	9 656	1 252
	Jul	89 727	-	527	17 699	1 522	13 614	68 086	23 303	9 444	1 223
	Aug	86 030	-	461	16 940	1 458	13 568	66 733	23 112	8 969	1 131
	Sep	85 367	-	351	16 572	1 262	13 749	63 684	21 893	9 591	1 230
	Oct	92 435	-	485	17 728	1 372	14 941	65 926	24 078	10 052	1 321
	Nov	91 404	-	445	17 362	1 289	14 909	65 612	23 817	9 638	1 298
	Dec	92 232	-	436	17 330	1 317	15 033	69 133	24 630	9 586	1 219
1999 Total		1 060 011	-	5 449	203 009	16 901	160 371	789 705	276 248	114 712	22 031
Daily average in 1999		2 904	-	15	556	46	439	2 164	757	314	60

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Table 5.2 Public Transport Passenger Journeys By Operator Group 1989 - 1999 (cont'd)

KCRC

Year	/ Month	Hongkong Tramways	Peak Tram- ways	Green Mini- Bus	Resid- ential Coach	Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry	Star Ferry	Licensed Ferry Services	Red Mini- Bus ##	Taxi @@	Total
1989		127 562	2 828	241 978	10 814	70 531	39 808	6 614	394 584	445 198	3 566 862
1990		127 643	3 211	249 003	16 429	55 202	37 907	6 823	387 232	451 670	3 587 404
1991		123 247	3 132	250 634	23 342	50 960	36 602	7 517	378 746	455 825	3 602 377
1992		124 087	3 267	259 888	25 832	44 368	35 844	8 370	371 905	463 595	3 651 384
1993		125 205	3 416	266 753	31 345	41 135	35 723	8 905	367 311	464 950	3 698 499
1994		124 636	3 982	290 524	32 779	40 169	36 161	9 356	358 174	465 370	3 786 879
1995		112 963	3 985	308 644	34 416	36 916	34 950	9 246	328 141	472 041	3 826 086
1996		107 816	4 401	332 592	38 790	34 213	35 225	8 885	314 722	473 213	3 914 015
1997		101 908	4 246	353 839	40 741	29 990	32 477	9 113	226 835	473 636	3 896 247
1998		92 893	3 321	361 829	39 753	22 756	30 025	9 959	217 479	477 109	3 864 538
1999		87 864	3 277	365 631 *	40 528 *	15 195	28 679	13 374	207 345	478 155	3 888 484 *
1999	Jan	7 773	269	30 729 *	3 295 *	1 603	2 588	893	17 861	40 648	332 218 *
	Feb	7 039	286	27 388 *	2 955 *	1 500	2 206	817	15 886	36 656	295 153 *
	Mar	7 793	233	30 888 *	3 442 *	1 556	2 430	944	18 049	40 610	335 295 *
	Apr	7 105	265	29 900 *	3 215 *	1 187	2 372	1 200	16 989	39 368	315 041 *
	May	7 570	241	30 903 *	3 411 *	1 129	2 342	1 171	17 425	40 684	325 670 *
	Jun	7 151	238	30 328 *	3 301 *	1 087	2 220	1 167	17 220	39 340	317 653 *
	Jul	7 338	290	31 528 *	3 439 *	1 251	2 460	1 185	17 664	40 644	330 942 *
	Aug	6 876	309	30 645 *	3 398 *	1 192	2 285	1 120	17 712	40 618	322 558 *
	Sep	6 746	234	29 303 *	3 162 *	1 054	2 092	1 114	17 113	39 270	313 788 *
	Oct	7 460	309	31 170 *	3 631 *	1 227	2 558	1 272	17 109	40 545	333 621 *
	Nov	7 420	295	30 988 *	3 620 *	1 207	2 474	1 257	17 002	39 215	329 252 *
	Dec	7 592	307	31 861 *	3 659 *	1 201	2 653	1 233	17 314	40 557	337 294 *
	1999 Total	87 864	3 277	365 631 *	40 528 *	15 195	28 679	13 374	207 345	478 155	3 888 484 *
	Daily average in 1999	241	9	1 002 *	111 *	42	79	37	568	1 310	10 653 *

- Notes (i) Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.
- + Long Win Bus Co., Ltd was introduced on 1.6.1997.
 - ## Estimated figure is based on the Minibus Survey, having regard to the number of minibuses licensed and the number of days in the month.
 - @@ Estimated figure is based on the Taxi Surveys, having regard to the number of taxis licensed and the number of days in the month.
 - * Provisional figure
 - # China Motor Bus ceased operation and New World First Bus started operation on 1.9.1998.

Table 5.3 Franchised Bus and MTR Passenger Journeys by District 1989 - 1999

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Year	Franchised bus			MTR		
	Intra HK	Intra Kowloon/NT	Cross Harbour	Intra HK	Intra Kowloon/NT	Cross Harbour
1989	228 915	902 743	144 917	95 203	345 295	247 100
1990	210 901	895 340	144 732	97 874	354 633	266 604
1991	201 347	899 163	139 184	100 706	349 167	276 094
1992	198 986	900 898	137 228	105 358	358 577	287 071
1993	197 559	898 194	132 071	112 147	366 218	300 144
1994	204 317	912 508	130 853	120 712	370 212	313 138
1995	216 990	930 276	132 583	123 944	371 549	317 026
1996	231 201	959 934	144 922	125 041	371 642	319 889
1997	243 736	977 888	162 482	126 399	378 398	307 100
1998	241 894	969 939	178 263	122 064	386 394	289 073
1999	257 497	997 877	190 367	111 193	399 227	279 285

Note : Franchised buses include Kowloon Motor Bus, China Motor Bus (up to 31.8.1998), New World First Bus (since 1.9.1998), Citybus (since 12.9.1991), Long Win Bus (since 1.6.1997) and New Lantao Bus.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (1933) LIMITED

<u>Group of Routes</u>	<u>Number of routes operated</u>	<u>Fares (\$)</u> (as at 31.12.1999)
Kowloon Urban Special	1 (0)	4.80
Kowloon Urban	56 (0)	2.4 - 5.90
Kowloon Urban Express	2 (0)	4.70
Kowloon Urban Coach or Air-conditioned	17 (2)	2.70 - 11.20
NT Urban	90 (1)	2.40 - 10.20
NT Rural	18 (3)	1.20 - 7.50
NT Express	21 (0)	5.30 - 14.50
NT Recreation	4 (0)	12.00 - 23.60
NT Coach or Air-conditioned	114 (11)	3.00 - 38.00
NT Special	11 (0)	4.00 - 15.50
Cross Harbour		
New Territories	1 (0)	10.60 - 18.20
Coach or Air-conditioned	62 (0)	8.10 - 34.20
<hr/> Total	397 (17)	

(figures in brackets show new routes introduced in 1999)

Vehicles (registered as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Configuration/class/(code)</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
i) <u>rear-engined double-deck two-axle</u>		
Leyland B45 "Olympian", 9.5m, Alexander body (BL)	108/111	119
Mercedes-Benz 0.305 (ME)	123	41
Metro-Cammell-Waymann 9.7m(M)	95/110/112	82
Dennis "Dominator"(DM)	103	40
ii) <u>rear-engined double-deck three-axle</u>		
Volvo Super Olympian LF 12 metre (air-con) (3ASV)	132	61
Metro-Cammell-Waymann 11.0m (S3M)	142/143/150	254
Dennis "Dragon" 12 metre (3N)	140/148	170
Dennis "Dragon" 11 metre (S3N)	141/143/144/151	367
Dennis "Dragon" 11 metre (air-con)(AD)	119/135/136/141	359
Leyland "Olympian" 12M Alexander body (3BL)	149/163/164	153
Leyland "Olympian" 11 metre (S3BL)	133/142/143/150	467
Leyland "Olympian" 11 metre (air-con)(AL)	120/132/138	150
Dennis "Dragon" 10 metre (air-con)(ADS)	104/114/117	235
Scania N11B DRB 11.5 metre (air-con)(AS)	123/125	22
Volvo "Olympian" 11.3 metre (air-con) (AV)	124/131	531
Volvo "Olympian" 12 metre (air-con) (3AV)	137	348
Volvo "Olympian" 11 metre (S3V)	141	30
Dennis "Dragon" 12 metre (air-con) (3AD)	134	170
Dennis "Trident" 12 metre (air-con) (ATR)	126/131/133/135	188
Neoplan SLF 12 metre (air-con) (AP)	126/128	20
Dennis "Trident" 10.6 metre (air-con) (ATS)	106	6
iii) <u>standard single-deck buses</u>		
Dennis Lance (air-con) (AN)	65/78	14
Dennis Dart (air-con) (AA)	49/53/54/60/61	53
Mitsubishi MK117J (air-con) (AM)	45/50	182
Dennis Falcon (air-con) (AF)	52	16
Total		4,078

Vehicle kilometres operated

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	('000)	('000)	
Recreation and special services	5,810	7,192	+23.79
Urban Kowloon Routes	50,736	50,289	-0.88
New Territories/Rural	15,972	16,238	+1.67
New Territories/Urban	216,059	229,573	+6.25
Cross-Harbour Tunnel	38,795	40,215	+3.66
Racecourse	82	76	-7.32
Airport Service	1,293	0	-
Total	328,747	343,583	+4.51

Passengers carried

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	('000)	('000)	
Recreation and special services	6,030	7,507	+24.49
Urban Kowloon Routes	278,825	270,141	-3.11
New Territories/Rural	49,114	58,473	+19.06
New Territories/Urban	606,335	630,552	+3.99
Cross-Harbour Tunnel	92,149	93,182	+1.12
Racecourse	192	156	-18.75
Airport Service	1,706	0	-
Total	1,034,351	1,060,011	+2.48

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited came into being in April 1933 with rights to operate bus services in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Enquiry Hotline : 2745 4466

CITYBUS LIMITED

<u>Group of Routes</u>	<u>Number of routes operated</u>	<u>Fare at 31.12.1999</u> (\$)
<u>Hong Kong Island :</u>		
Urban	47	2.50 - 8.40
Mid Levels	10	4.00 - 6.10
Overnight	3	7.90 - 9.40
Recreation	6	6.90 - 10.60
<u>Cross harbour:</u>		
Air-conditioned Services (Regular)	20	8.90 - 20.70
Air-conditioned Services (All Night)	4	12.80 - 31.00
Sha Tin Racecourse	1	34.20
<u>North Lantau and Chek Lap Kok Airport :</u>		
Airport Coach	4	33.00 - 45.00
Conventional	4	14.00 - 21.00
Shuttle	3	3.00 - 4.00
Overnight	5	23.00 - 31.00
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Total	107	

Vehicles (registered as at 31 December 1999) - Franchise 1

<u>Configuration/class/(code)</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>(i) rear-engined single-deck two axle</u>		
Volvo B6 (air-con.)	59/55/61/52	36
Dennis Dart 10.6-metre (air-con.)	64	7
MAN 11.6-metre (air-con.)	69	60
<u>(ii) rear-engined double-deck three axle</u>		
Leyland Olympian 12-metre (air-con.)	137/148	55
Leyland Olympian 10.4-metre (air-con.)	96/114	34
Volvo Olympian 10.4-metre (air-con.)	114	10
Volvo Olympian 11-metre (air-con.)	124	140
Volvo Olympian 12-metre (air-con.)	132/135/136/147	308
Dennis Dragon 10.3-metre (air-con.)	116/115	40
Dennis Dragon 12-metre (air-con.)	130/144/129	80
Dennis Trident 10.6-metre (air-con.)	97	1
Dennis Trident 12-metre (air-con.)	124/125	22
MAN 12-metre (air-con.)	120	1
Total		794

Vehicles - Franchise 2 (Airport) (registered as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Configuration/class/(code)</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
(i) rear-engined single-deck two axle		
Volvo B6 (air-con.)	52	25
(ii) rear-engined double-deck three axle		
Dennis Trident 12-metre (air-con.)	108/109/114/117/124	141
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Total		166

Citybus Limited also has a fleet of non-franchised buses and coaches for use on its residents' services and other non-franchised routes.

<u>Vehicle kilometres operated</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	(' 000)	(' 000)	
Hong Kong Island routes	32,201	37,927	+17.8%
Cross Harbour routes	15,046	20,107	+33.6%
North Lantau and Chek Lap Kok Airport routes	17,330	25,618	+44.5%
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Total	64,577	83,652	+29.5%

<u>Passengers carried</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	(' 000)	(' 000)	
Hong Kong Island routes	141,938	151,832	+7.0%
Cross Harbour routes	29,982	38,868	+29.6%
North Lantau and Chek Lap Kok Airport routes	11,376	12,309	+8.2%
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Total	183,296	203,009	+10.8%

Citybus began as a non-franchised operator in 1979 and became a franchised operator in 1991 to operate bus services on Hong Kong Island (Franchise 1). Commencing from June 1997, Citybus also operated bus services in North Lantau and Chek Lap Kok Airport (Franchise 2).

Enquiry Hotline : 2873 0818

NEW WORLD FIRST BUS SERVICES LIMITED

<u>Group of Routes</u>	<u>Number of routes operated</u>	<u>Fare (as at 31.12.99) (\$)</u>	
		<u>Non Air-Conditioned</u>	<u>Air-Conditioned</u>
<u>Hong Kong Island :</u>			
Urban	42 (3)	2.4 – 6.0	2.9 – 10.0
Mid-level	10	3.4 – 6.7	4.0 – 8.8
All Night	1	4.4	6.0
Recreation	8	2.4 – 7.9	3.0 – 8.7
	Sub-total	<u>61</u>	
<u>Cross Harbour</u>			
Air-conditioned Services (Regular)	24	N.A.	8.1 – 18.2
Air-conditioned Services (All Night)	4	N.A.	12.8 – 24.6
Sha Tin Racecourse	2	N.A.	34.2
Recreation	2	11.8	12.8
	Sub-total	<u>32</u>	
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Total	93 (3)		

Notes : Figures in brackets denote new routes introduced in 1999.

Vehicles (registered as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Configuration/class</u>	<u>(code)</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>(i) front-engined double-deck two-axle non-air-conditioned</u>			
Dennis Jubilant W/A body	(DS)	110	17
Leyland Victory MK2 W/A body	(LV)	108	94
		Sub-total	111
<u>(ii) rear-engined double-deck two-axle non-air-conditioned</u>			
MCW Metrobus 9.7M	(MC)	95	1
MCW Metrobus 11M	(MB)	129	23
Leyland Fleetline 18.6" W/A body	(LF)	115	1
Leyland Fleetline 16.3" W/A body	(SF)	111	19
		Sub-total	44
<u>(iii) rear-engined double-deck three-axle non-air-conditioned</u>			
Leyland Olympian 11.3M W/A body	(LM)	142	10
Dennis Condor 12M D/M body	(DL)	167	43
Dennis Condor 11M D/M body	(DM)	142	28
MCW Metrobus 12M	(ML)	168	66
		Sub-total	147

<u>Configuration/class</u>	<u>(code)</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>(iv) rear-engined double-deck three-axle air-conditioned</u>			
Leyland Olympian 11.3M W/A body	(LA)	136	25
Volvo Olympian 11.3M W/A body	(VA)	137	30
Volvo Olympian 11.3M W/A body	(VA)	138	20
Volvo Olympian 11.3M W/A body	(VA)	122	12
Dennis Condor 11M D/M body	(DA)	139	36
Dennis Condor 11M D/M body	(DA)	140	20
Dennis Condor 11M D/M body	(DA)	135	26
Dennis Condor 11M D/M body	(DA)	121	10
Dennis Trident W/A 12M body	(1xxx)	132	160
Dennis Trident W/A 12M	(1xxx)	131	30
Dennis Trident W/A 11.3M	(14xx)	118	30
Dennis Trident W/A 10.6M	(16xx)	112	62
Dennis Trident D/M 12M	(30xx)	133	42
Dennis Trident D/M 12M	(30xx)	129	20
Dennis Trident D/M 10.3M	(33xx)	105	5
Volvo Super Olympian W/A	(50xx)	129	40
		Sub-total	568
<u>(v) rear-engined single-deck two-axle air-conditioned</u>			
Dennis Dart Carlyle body	(DC)	59	17
Dennis Dart Carlyle body (w/ luggage rack)	(DC)	53	3
Dennis Dart 10.6M Plextan body	(20xx)	63	76
		Sub-total	96
		Total	966

<u>Vehicle kilometres operated</u>	<u>1.9.1998 – 31.12.1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
	(’000)	(’000)
Hong Kong Island routes	8,306	29,533
Cross Harbour routes	5,535	20,846
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 13,841	<hr/> 50,379
 <u>Passengers carried</u>		
Hong Kong Island routes	31,103	105,664
Cross Harbour routes	15,855	54,707
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 46,958	<hr/> 106,371

The New World First Bus Services Limited commenced operations on 1 September 1998.

Customer Service Hotline : 2136 8888

NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY (1973) LIMITED

<u>Number of routes operated</u>		<u>Fares (\$)</u>	
		<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Sundays & Pub. Holidays</u>
(as at 31st December 1999)			
Regular	14 Ordinary bus	2.50 – 8.00	4.30 – 13.00
	Air-cond.	3.00 - 16.00	3.00 - 25.00
Airbus	1 Air-cond	14.00	23.00
Overnight	1 Ordinary bus	12.00	19.00
Overnight	2 Air-cond.	20.00	30.00
Special	5 Air-cond.	6.30 - 16.00	13.00 - 25.00

Vehicles (registered as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Configuration/Class</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
<u>Standard single deck</u>		
Isuzu MT112K (ILS)	63	13
Isuzu MT112K (air-cond.) (ILS)	60-64	13
Isuzu MT112K (air-cond.) (ILS)	70-71	30
Mitsubishi BE439F (air-cond.) (MS)	24	4
Mer. Benz OH1421L (air-cond.) (BENZ)	45	5
Toyota BB50RZ (air-cond.) (TY)	20	2
Isuzu LT132L(ILS)	45-66	16
Dennis Dart SFD (DN)	63	3
Total		86

<u>Franchised Buses</u>	<u>1998</u> (‘000)	<u>1999</u> (‘000)	<u>% change</u>
Vehicle kilometres operated	4,753	5,101	+7.32%
Passengers carried	6,208	5,449	-12.23%

Enquiry Hotline: 2984 9848

LONG WIN BUS COMPANY LIMITED

	<u>Number of routes operated</u>	<u>Fares (as at 31.12.1999)</u> (<u>\$</u>)
Airbus Route	3	17.00 - 28.00
North Lantau External Route	6	10.00 - 13.00
North Lantau Shuttle Route	3	3.00 - 3.50
Overnight Route	3	20.00 - 26.00
Total	15	

Vehicles (registered as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Configuration / class / (code)</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>Rear-engined air-conditioned double-deck three-axle</u>		
Dennis "Trident" 12 metre	100/128	150
<u>Rear-engined air-conditioned single-deck</u>		
Dennis Lance	65	10
Total		160

<u>Vehicle kilometres operated</u>	<u>1998</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>1999</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>% Change</u>
Airbus Route	1,965	5,345	+172%
North Lantau External Route	12,072	16,411	+36%
North Lantau Shuttle Route	1,748	2,520	+44%
Overnight Route	257	591	+130%
Total	16,042	24,867	+55%

<u>Passengers carried</u>	<u>1998</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>1999</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>% Change</u>
Airbus Route	1,234	2,705	+119%
North Lantau External Route	10,073	10,861	+8%
North Lantau Shuttle Route	2,899	3,055	+5%
Overnight Route	157	279	+78%
Total	14,363	16,900	+18%

Enquiry Hotline : 2745 4466 / 2261 2791

THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION

Routes operated

Tsuen Wan Line - Tsuen Wan to Central

Kwun Tong Line - Quarry Bay to Yau Ma Tei

Island Line - Chai Wan to Sheung Wan

Tung Chung Line - Hong Kong Station to Tung Chung Station

Airport Express - Hong Kong Station to Airport Station

Adult Octopus fares for Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Island Line and Tung Chung Line
(as at 31.12.1999)

\$3.7 - \$23.0

Airport Express Adult Single Journey Fares (as at 31.12.1999)

\$40.0 - \$70.0

Rolling Stock for Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line & Island Line (as at 31.12.1999)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
A car (motorised/ Driving)	48 + 265 = 313	191
B car (motorised)	48 + 265 = 313	96
C car (motorised/ Pantograph)	48 + 265 = 313	287
D car (non-motorised/ Trailers)	48 + 265 = 313	188
Total		762

Rolling Stock for Tung Chung (as at 31.12.1999)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
V car (motorised/ Driving/pantograph)	$42 + 252 + 2W = 294 + 2W$	24
W car (motorised)	$48 + 252 = 300$	12
X car (non-motorised/ Trailer)	$48 + 252 = 300$	24
Y car (motorised/pantograph)	$48 + 252 = 300$	12
Z car (motorised)	$48 + 252 = 300$	12
Total		84

Note: "2W" - spare provision for two wheelchairs

Rolling Stock for Airport Express (as at 31.12.1999)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
E car (motorised/ Driving/pantograph)	$60 + 50 + 1W = 110 + 1W$	11
F car (motorised)	$64 + 50 = 114$	11
G car (non-motorised/ Trailer)	$64 + 50 = 114$	22
H car (motorised/pantograph)	$64 + 50 = 114$	11
J car (motorised)	$60 + 50 + 1W = 110 + 1W$	11
K car (motorised/driving/ pantograph)	for luggage handling	11
Total		77

Note: "1W" - spare provision for one wheelchair

	<u>1998</u> (' 000)	<u>1999</u> (' 000)	<u>% change</u>
Car-kilometres operated (8 cars to one train)	103,271	114,098	+10.5
Passengers carried	797,530	789,705	-1.0

Track gauge: 1,432 mm

Overhead Supply System: Nominal 1,500 V dc

The Mass Transit Railway Corporation was established in 1975 under the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Ordinance of 1975 to construct and operate a mass transit railway in Hong Kong on prudent commercial principles.

Enquiry Hotline : 2881 8888

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION

(East Rail Division)

(Position as at 31.12.1999)

<u>Service Operated</u> (with 13 stations)	<u>Single standard class fares</u>		<u>Octopus Fare</u>	
	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child/Senior Citizen</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child/Senior Citizen</u>
Hung Hom to Sheung Shui (except Racecourse)	\$3.50- \$9.00	\$1.50 - \$4.50	\$3.20- \$8.50	\$1.50 - \$4.30
Hung Hom to Lo Wu (cross boundary travel)	\$20.00 - \$33.00	\$10.00 - \$16.50	\$18.80 - \$31.30	\$9.40 - \$15.70

* Fares for the First Class are twice as much as Standard Class.

Rolling Stock (as at 31 December 1999)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
12-car electric multiple unit	3,750	29
Diesel-electric locomotives (used in freight service)	-	12

	<u>1998</u> ('000)	<u>1999</u> ('000)	<u>% change</u>
Train kilometres operated	5,555	5,753	+1.04%
Passengers carried	269,000	275,000	+2.2%

Track gauge : 1,435 mm

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION

(Light Rail Division)

Routes operated (as at 31.12.1999)

505 : Sam Shing Terminus to Siu Hong

506 : Ferry Pier Terminus to Yau Oi

507 : Ferry Pier Terminus to Tin King

610 : Ferry Pier Terminus to Yuen Long Terminus (via Tai Hing)

614 : Ferry Pier Terminus to Yuen Long Terminus (via Castle Peak Road)

615 : Ferry Pier Terminus to Yuen Long Terminus (via Leung King)

720 : Yau Oi to Tin Shui Wai Terminus

721 : Tin Shui Wai Terminus to Yuen Long Terminus

Fares

<u>Single-ride tickets</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child/Senior Citizen</u>
Short (1-2 Zones)	\$4.00	\$2.00
Medium (3 Zones)	\$4.70	\$2.30
Long (4-5 Zones)	\$5.80	\$2.90

Octopus Fares

<u>No. of Stops</u> (including boarding stop)	<u>Adult/Student</u>	<u>Child/Senior Citizen</u>
1-3	\$3.70	\$1.80
4-6	\$3.80	\$1.80
7-9	\$3.90	\$1.90
10-12	\$3.90	\$1.90
13-15	\$4.40	\$2.10
16-18	\$4.90	\$2.30
19-21	\$5.30	\$2.50
22-26	\$5.80	\$2.70

Vehicles (31.12.1999)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger Capacity</u>	<u>Number</u>
COMENG light rail vehicle	205	69
Kawasaki light rail vehicle	220	30
		(including 10 motorised trailers)
Goninan light rail vehicle	248	20

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% change</u>
	('000)	('000)	
Car kilometres operated	10,285	10,252	-0.32%
Passengers carried	114,473	114,712	+0.2%

Track gauge : 1,435 mm

Electrification : 750 v dc overhead lines

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION

(Bus Division)

Routes Operated (as at 31.12.1999)

		<u>Fares</u>
Light Rail bus routes	11	\$3.20 - \$6.20
**East Rail feeder routes	-	-
Residents' service routes	2	\$20.0 - \$33.00
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Total	13	

Vehicles (as at 31 December 1998)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Passenger capacity</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Leyland Olympians 3-axle A/C	136	24
Volvo Olympian MK II 3-axle A/C	120	15
MCW Metrobus Mark II 9.7m 2-axle	109	39
VOLVO BIOM A/C S/P	88	15
Dennis Dart A/C S/D	61	3
Mitsubishi Fuso A/C S/D	51	11
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Total		107

Vehicle Kilometres Operated

	<u>1998</u> ('000)	<u>1999</u> ('000)	<u>% change</u>
Light Rail bus routes	3,985	4,194	+5.2%
**East Rail feeder routes	967	313-	- 67.6%
Residents' service routes	759	637	-16.1%
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Total	5,711	5,144	- 9.9%-

Passengers carried

Light Rail bus routes	15,343	14,748	-3.9%
**East Rail feeder routes	21,411	6,938	- 67.6%
Residents' service routes	1,118	1,048	-6.3%
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Total	37,872	22,734	40.0%

**Starting from 3 May 1999, the seven East Rail feeder bus routes are operated by KMB.

Enquiry Hotline: 2602 7799 (East Rail)
2468 7788 (Light Rail)
2684 8833 (West Rail)
2688 4997 (East Rail Extension)

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

Services operated

Fares as at 31.12.1999

Shau Kei Wan to Happy Valley)		
North Point to Whitty Street)	Adult	\$2.00
Happy Valley to Kennedy Town)	Child	\$1.00
Shau Kei Wan to Western Market)	Senior Citizens	\$1.00
Causeway Bay to Kennedy Town)	Concessionary Fare	
Western Market to Kennedy Town)		

Rolling stock (as at 31 December 1999)

	<u>Type</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Passenger capacity</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Number</u>
(a)	Double-deck enclosed tram, 1987 series	45 + 70 = 115	160
(b)	Double-deck enclosed tram, 1949 style	45 + 70 = 115	1
(c)	Double-deck open balcony tram	80	1
(d)	Double-deck semi-open-top tram	80	1
(e)	Double-deck maintenance tram	80	1
Total			164

Notes :

- (1) All trams were assembled by Hongkong Tramways Ltd. except cars No. 28 (type c) and No. 128 (type d) which were originally built by Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Ltd. in 1954/55 and rebuilt by Hongkong Tramways for charter and tourist duties in 1986/87. Cars in group (a) comprise Nos. 1-27, 29-43, 45-119, 121-127, 129-143, 145-163, 165 and 166. They were built from 1987 to 1991 with underframes by W.J. Brown Engineering Ltd. and bodies by Full Arts Metal Works Ltd. (109 cars) and Leeway Engineering and Trading Co. Ltd. (51 cars). Leeway also supplied the body for car No. 120 (type b) which was built new in 1991 to the design of the previous generation of trams dating from 1949 : car No. 120 is a "heritage" tram, but is used in normal traffic. The maintenance tram was built by Hongkong Tramways in 1998.

All trams use the original or locally manufactured trucks and electro-mechanical equipment. Trucks were built variously by Peckham, Maley and Taunton, Hongkong Tramways and Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering. Motors are by Dick Kerr, Metropolitan Vickers and English Electric, and controllers are by Dick Kerr, English Electric and Maley and Taunton.

During 1999, 74 trams had rotary controllers by electronic speed controllers incorporating Deadmans handles and were completely rewired with LSF cabling and fitted with traction grade convertors. For boarding passengers' safety, rear gate CCTVs have been installed on all trams in 1999. Other improvement works such as rear gate closing buzzer, enlargement of rear staircase and upper deck evacuation warning signage have also been completed in two-third of the tram fleet in 1999.

- (2) Passenger capacities are nominal. Capacities for car types (a) and (b) are listed in the gazetted schedules as 139, but 115 is a more realistic figure, as agreed with Hongkong Tramways. Capacities quoted for car types (c) and (d) are guidelines only.

	<u>1998</u> ('000)	<u>1999</u> ('000)	<u>% change</u>
Vehicle kilometres operated	6,692	6,443	-3.72%
Passengers carried	92,893	87,864	-5.41%

Track gauge : 1,067 mm

Electrification : 500V d.c. overhead trolley wire

Hongkong Tramways Limited is wholly owned by The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. The tramway began operations in 1904. The system operates under the authority of the Tramway Ordinance, Cap. 107.

Enquiry Hotline : 2548 7102

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED

Route operated

Fares (as at 31.12.1999)

Central (Garden Road) to The Peak
(Victoria Gap)

Adult \$18.00, Child \$5.00
(Single Journey)

Adult \$28.00, Child \$8.00
(Return Journey)

Adult \$16.00, Child \$4.00
(Single Journey from Intermediate Stations)

Senior Citizen \$6.00
(Single Journey)

Senior Citizen \$12.00
(Return Journey)

<u>Rolling stock</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% change</u>
	('000)	('000)	
Vehicle kilometres operated	86	89	+3.49 %
Passengers carried	3,312	3,277	- 1.06 %

Enquiry Hotline : 2522 0922

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY LIMITED

<u>Services operated</u>	<u>Adult fares</u>
<u>A. Franchised routes</u>	
• Edinburgh Place - Kowloon Point	\$1.70 (lower deck) \$2.20 (upper deck)
• Wan Chai - Kowloon Point	\$2.20
<u>B. Licensed routes</u>	
• Edinburgh Place - Hung Hom	\$5.30
• Wan Chai – Hung Hom	\$5.30

<u>Vessels Deployed</u>	<u>Carrying Capacity</u> (including crew)	<u>Number</u>
double-deck passenger ferry	314 – 755	13

<u>Passengers carried</u>	<u>1998</u> (’000)	<u>1999</u> (’000)	<u>% Change</u>
	29,900	28,700	-4%

Enquiries Hotline : 2367 7065

The “Star” Ferry Company was incorporated in 1898 and continued services which had begun in 1890. The Company is now a subsidiary of The Wharf (Holdings) Limited.

The “Star” Ferry Company Limited (SF) is the only franchised ferry operator in the territory. Its current franchise for the Edinburgh Place – Kowloon Point and Wan Chai – Kowloon Point started in April 1998 and will be expired in March 2008. In 1998, SF successfully won the tender for licences to operate two inner harbour ferry services : Wan Chai – Hung Hom and Edinburgh Place – Hung Hom. These licensed services commenced operation on 1 April 1999 and the licences are valid for three years up to 31 March 2002.