

Are buses suitable?

THE Citybus fleet began operating on 26 routes on Hong Kong Island on September 1.

The service is generally acceptable, but I have a number of questions about the suitability of buses and the fares in the coming years.

Citybus bought 100 new air-conditioned buses from England and 100 second-hand buses from Singapore. The quality of the air-conditioned buses is acceptable to the public.

But those buses imported from Singapore – which have operated for about 12 years – have been the subject of many complaints.

There are also serious questions about their suitability to carry large loads in extreme weather in Hong Kong's hilly terrain.

I am also concerned about the fares on the air-conditioned buses. The Transport Department and the Transport Advisory Board should strictly monitor them in the future.

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