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## Aged deserve 'better deal' on transport

KWAI Tsing District Board members will lobby their colleagues in the other 18 district boards to press the Government to grant elderly citizens half-price public transport.

They said the elderly should enjoy cheaper transport because of their long service to Hongkong's prosperity.

At the board's community affairs committee meeting yesterday, members supported a motion urging the Government to make arrangements with public transport companies to allow cheaper fares for commuters aged over 60.

These companies include the Mass Transit Railway, the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the Light Rail Transit and the two franchised bus companies.

District board member Mr Chung Man-fei said special attention should be paid to elderly people because they have special need of public transport.

"High transportation fees prevent them from joining social activities which are an important part of their lives," he said.

He challenged the logic of granting children a transport allowance while denying the same allowance to the elderly.

The committee intends writing to the other 18 district boards for support.