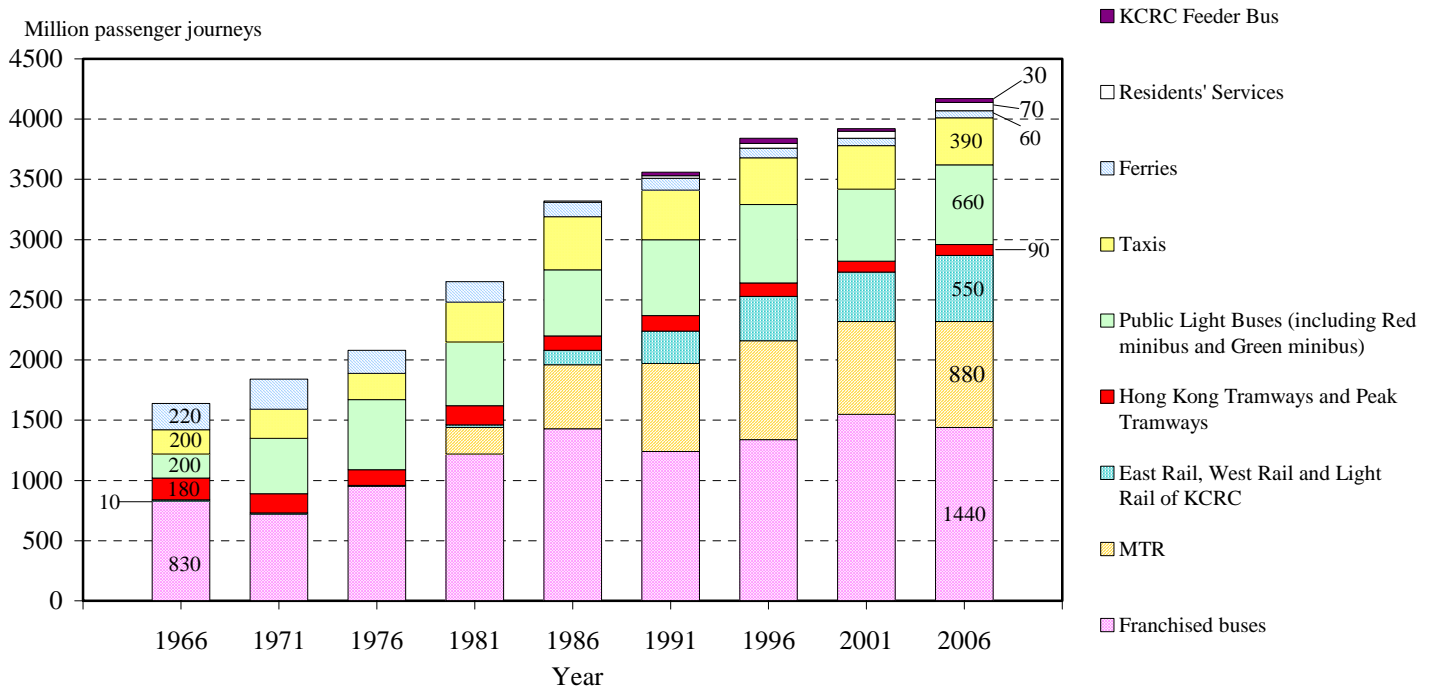


Demand for Public Transport Services Was on A Significant Increase

- Along with the continuous migration of the Hong Kong population to the new towns in the New Territories, the demand for public transport services was on an up-trend.
- In 2006, the public transport system had an average daily patronage of over 11 million passenger journeys. This was 153% more than that in forty years ago, and this increase was 1.7 times the population growth over the same period.
- Franchised buses and the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) were the two largest carriers. They carried about 35% and 21% of all public transport journeys in 2006 respectively.
- With the expansions in cross-harbour facilities and mass transit networks, a decline of 74% was recorded for the number of passenger journeys of ferries in 2006 when compared with forty years ago.

Public Transport Patronage by Operator



Notes: The MTR started operation in 1979.
 Residents' Services were introduced in 1982.
 KCRC Transit Feeder Bus started operation in 1987.
 The Light Rail started operation in 1988.
 The West Rail started operation in 2003.

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