

Notes for Using Public Transportation in Hong Kong

Welcome to Hong Kong! Our public transport system is efficient, affordable, and extensive. Below are essential tips for smooth travel to the APSN-FAONS-HKSN Neuroscience Symposium 2026 Symposium at HKUMed.

OCTOPUS CARD (Highly Recommended)

The Octopus Card is essential for MTR, buses, minibuses, ferries, convenience stores, and restaurants.



How to get one:

- Purchase at any MTR station
 - Tourist Octopus available, priced at HK\$39 without initial stored value and no deposit is required: [Tourist Octopus \(Sold version\) - Octopus Hong Kong](#)
 - On-Loan: HK\$50 deposit + initial value: [Choice of Octopus - Octopus Hong Kong](#)
 - Refunds: MTR stations, handling fees apply: [Leaving Hong Kong - Octopus Hong Kong](#)
 - HK\$150 reasonable daily estimate

For more information, please visit <http://www.octopus.com.hk/home/en/index.html>.

TAXI

Red urban taxis serve Hong Kong Island (HKUMed area).



Key facts:

- Flag down anywhere (look for red "空車" sign)
- Starting fare: HK\$27 (first 2km)
- Most drivers understand basic English
- Cash only (no Octopus/credit cards)

GREEN MINIBUS

Green minibuses have fixed routes/stops (unlike red minibuses).



How to ride:

- Wait at the designated minibuss stop
- Pay with Octopus / Alipay QR Code (no change given) or exact cash
- Tell driver your stop (e.g., HKU Medicine School / 醫學院 or Queen Mary Hospital)
- Press the stop bell when approaching your stop

BUS



How to ride:

- Pay with Octopus / Alipay QR Code (no change given)
- Check route display above windshield
- Press the stop bell when approaching your stop
- Real-time bus tracker: Citybus App

MTR – HKU Station ([Island line](#))

