

Travelling in Hong Kong

Hong Kong's public transport system is mainly centred on the fast and reliable MTR, supported by buses, green minibuses, and taxis. The Octopus Card is the most convenient payment method for almost all public transport. As of April 1, 2026, all Hong Kong taxis are required to offer at least two electronic payment options (one QR code and one non-QR code) alongside cash to enhance service. Common methods include Octopus card, credit cards, and apps like AlipayHK or WeChat Pay HK. Some Airport Bus lines and Minibuses however **DO NOT** accept credit cards. We recommend suggest you purchase a Tourist Octopus Card or an Octopus Card, or carry some cash in HK dollars as a backup. You can download the MTR Mobile, Moovit, and Uber app as well for smooth travel.

Conference venue

Room 111 and 105, Communication and Visual Arts Building, 5 Hereford Road, Kowloon Tong

How to get to the conference venue from Kowloon Tong MTR by MiniBus or by walk

1. At Kowloon Tong MTR Station, find the minibus stop.
2. Take the **green minibus 25MS** (fare: HK\$5.6, pay with Octopus card).
3. Ask someone on the minibus or use Google Map to help you get off at the **HKBU Communication and Visual Arts Building**.
4. It is on the left hand side next to the stop.
5. If you prefer to walk, it is a 15-minute walk.





How to get to the conference site CVA, HKBU from ALIVA Hotel by Royal

Option 1: Taxi

- Estimate Cost: approximately HK\$140
- Estimate Time: Approximately 15–20 minutes

Option 2: Take Bus 281A (Most Direct)

- Estimate Cost: HK\$9
- Estimate Time: Approximately 30–35 minutes.

Option 3: Take the MTR

- Take the Tuen Ma Line (towards Tuen Mun) and change at Tai Wai to the East Rail Line (towards Admiralty).
- Get off at Kowloon Tong Station. Walk 15 mins or take the minibus 25MS.
- Estimate Cost: MTR fare HK\$7.9
- Estimate Time: Approximately 35–40 minutes.

How to get to the conference site CVA, HKBU from Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees

Option 1: Taxi

- Estimate Cost: approximately HK\$60
- Estimate Time: Approximately 10–12 minutes.

Option 2: Take Green Minibus 25M (Most Direct)

- Take Green Minibus 25M (Direction: Kowloon Tong Station).
- Get off at the 5 Hereford Road. You will be right next to the CVA building.
- Estimate Cost: HK\$6.9.
- Estimate Time: Approximately 20 minutes.

Option 3: Take 85A (Direct as well)

- Take Bus 85A (Direction: Kwong Yuen).
- Get off after 8 stops at the Hong Kong Baptist University stop on Junction Road.
- Estimate Cost: HK\$7.8
- Estimate Time: Approximately 25–30 minutes.

How to get to the Hotels from the Airport (ALIVA Hotel by Royal & Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees

❖ From Airport to ALIVA Hotel by Royal

Address: ALVA HOTEL BY ROYAL, 1 Yuen Hong St, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

1. Bus Route - Take A41 (Most Direct)

Step 1: Follow signs to the Ground Transportation Centre at the airport.

Step 2: Take Airport Bus A41 (Direction: Sha Tin / Shek Mun).

Step 3: Get off at the Alva Hotel by Royal stop on Siu Lek Yuen Road.

- Estimate Cost: HK\$ 25
- Estimate Time: Approximately 1-hour 10mins
- Payment: Use an Octopus Card.

2. Taxi Route- Fastest

Step 1: Head to the Taxi Station at the airport.

Step 2: Choose Red (Urban) or Green (New Territories) taxi. Green taxis are often slightly cheaper for this destination.

- Estimate Cost: HK\$380 (red), HK\$360 (green)
- Estimate Time: Approximately 30–35 minutes.
- Confirm the payment choice before starting the journey.

❖ **From Airport to Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees**

Address: Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees, 199 Kowloon City Rd, To Kwa Wan, Hong Kong

1. Bus Route (Direct & Cheapest)

Step 1: Follow signs to the Airport Bus Terminus (Ground Transportation Centre).

Step 2: Take the Airport Bus A22 (Direction: Lam Tin Station).

Step 3: Get off at the Geranium House, Ma Tau Wai Estate bus stop.

Step 4: Walk approximately 5–8 minutes to the hotel.

- Cost: ~HK\$ 40
- Time: Approx. 65–75 minutes.
- Payment: Octopus Card.

2. Taxi Route (Fastest)

Step 1: Follow signs to the Taxi Station.

Step 2: Join the queue for Urban Taxis (Red).

Step 3: Show the driver the hotel address: 199 Kowloon City Road, Tokwawan.

- Cost: Approx. HK\$ 340 (Taxi)
- Time: Approx. 30–45 minutes (depending on traffic).
- Confirm the payment choice before starting the journey.

Where to Get the Tourist Octopus Card or Octopus Card at the Airport

You can buy the physical card immediately upon landing at Hong Kong International Airport.

- 7-Eleven or Circle K: Located in the Arrivals Hall.
- MTR Ticket & Selling Machines: Found at the Airport Station.
- Relay Stores: In the restricted area (Arrivals Pre-Immigration).

2. The Cost

- **Card Price:** HK\$39.
- **Initial Load:** The card usually comes with HK\$0 balance.
- **Minimum Top-up:** You must add value before using it. The minimum is HK\$50 at MTR stations or HK\$100 at convenience stores.
- **Total Starting Budget:** Expect to pay at least HK\$139 (HK\$39 for the card + HK\$100 initial load) to cover your first few journeys comfortably.
- **Cash Only for Physical Cards:** You generally need HKD cash to buy and top up physical cards at the airport or stores.
- **One Card Per Person:** You cannot tap twice for a companion; every traveller needs their own card.
- **Non-Refundable Card Fee:** The HK\$39 is a purchase price and won't be refunded.

You can easily purchase an Octopus card at Hong Kong International Airport from MTR Customer Service Centers or ticket vending machines located in the Arrivals Hall.

Purchasing Options

1. **MTR Customer Service Centers:** Upon arrival, you can find MTR Customer Service counters in the Arrivals Hall (Hall A or B). These counters sell the Octopus card, including the Tourist version, which is specifically designed for visitors.
2. **Ticket Vending Machines:** You can also buy an Octopus card from ticket vending machines located at the Airport Station. These machines are user-friendly and accept cash payments.
3. **Convenience Stores:** If you miss the airport options, you can purchase an Octopus card at convenience stores like 7-ELEVEN or Circle K throughout Hong Kong.

Types of Octopus Cards

- **Tourist Octopus Card:** This card is available for HK\$39 and does not require a deposit. It is a convenient option for travelers, allowing easy access to public transport and various retail outlets.

Ordinary Octopus Card: This version costs HK\$200, which includes a refundable deposit of HK\$50. It is suitable for those who plan to stay longer and use the card frequently.

Payment Methods

- **Cash Payments:** Currently, all purchases at the airport counters need s cash payments, so ensure you have Hong Kong dollars on hand.