## <u>Franchised bus services to return to</u> normal from next week

The Transport Department (TD) said today (September 18) that, to align with the relaxation of social distancing measures in a gradual and orderly manner, all franchised bus companies will resume their services as scheduled from September 21 to cater for the commuting needs of passengers.

In addition, franchised bus companies will, with effect from September 23, resume most of the bus routes and departures serving school areas, and strengthen those routes serving school areas.

The frequencies of individual bus routes mainly serving tourists or heading to land boundary control points and the airport continue to be adjusted to limited service or suspended service due to the anti-pandemic measures on boundary control implemented earlier.

The TD will maintain close liaison with franchised bus companies, and will closely monitor the operation of all bus routes to follow up on the bus services to meet passenger needs.