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### Should the government double the number of priority seats in Hong Kong?

Recently, there has been a heated debate about the government policy of priority seats. The government has proposed doubling the number of priority seats to provide some help to the passengers in need. In fact, many studies and survey reports about the priority seats showed that it brings more good than harm. Hence, in this essay, I shall attempt to look at the possible advantages of this.

First, doubling the number of priority seats can provide some non-financial help to the needy. Most of the passengers in need, such as the disabled, the elderly, the pregnant and those with injuries cannot keep standing. A survey conducted by Hong Kong University found that 70% of the elderly and the disabled need more priority seats since there are not enough and it is difficult for them to find one. If there are more seats reserved for them, the risk of injury on transportation will be greatly reduced as they do not need to stand and the seats are usually close to the door. They can easily access to the exit. Therefore, the government need to provide more priority seats to make sure that the needy will not be left standing.

Second, doubling the number of priority seats can promote the virtue of sacrifice. It can encourage people to provide more assistance to the needy and teach the younger generation a moral. It can also raise the awareness of caring the others to foster a harmonious society.

Third, doubling the number of priority seats can show our empathy. This policy is for people who are in need. We try to put ourselves in others' shoes to imagine their feeling and experience what they really need. This policy can increase the number of priority seats to help more elderly people in Hong Kong. The proportion of elder people is increasing because of our ageing population. There is a pressing need to carry out this policy.

To conclude, it can be clearly seen that this policy brings a lot of advantages to our society. Therefore, the public should welcome the implementation of doubling the number of priority seats on public transport in Hong Kong.