

What is the organization structure of Creative Star Limited (Creative Star)? As understood, Creative Star is a non profit making company formed by different public transport service companies. What are the percentages of each shareholder? Would the government provide information on the financial status of Creative Star from commencement (including income & expenditure)?

There are 81 staff in six functional departments covering Technical, Card Operations, Finance, Marketing, Commercial Contract/Legal and Human Resources. The proportion of shares held by each shareholder in Creative Star is as follows:

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| Mass Transit Railway Corporation | 67.8% |
| Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation | 24.7% |
| Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Ltd | 3.0% |
| Citybus Limited | 1.4% |
| The Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Company Ltd | 3.1% |

Since its formation in 1994, Creative Star has accumulated income and expenditure of approximately \$204 million and \$213 million respectively by the end of 1999. This means Creative Star has accumulated small losses of about \$10 million.

How would Creative Star utilize the interest generated from the deposits?

Interest earned from deposits, together with fees paid by service providers utilizing the Octopus system, are used to meet the costs of establishing and operating this convenient system. Even including interest earned from deposits, Creative Star has still been making a small loss since the commencement of its operation.