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50,000 in Tsun Wan oppose bus fare rises

Secondary school students and Tsun Wan residents yesterday voiced their opposition to the proposed bus fare increases.

Representatives of Tsun Wan residents presented the district's Town Manager, Mr Jimmy Hayes, with a surprise gift in a show of support for an anti-fare increase rally outside the Tsun Wan City District Office.

The gift — a model of a Kowloon Motor Bus double-decker attached to a string on which was tied symbols of daily necessities such as food and clothing — symbolised that a rise in fares would force up other prices.

Together with the gift, they presented a wrapped parcel containing the signatures of 50,000 Tsun Wan residents opposed to any fare rise.

In a separate incident, five secondary school students presented a petition opposing fare rises to the Governor's private secretary, Mr J. A. Miller, at Government House.

The petition contained the signatures of 12,000 students from more than 60 schools.

The students will distribute notices today and tomorrow at public piers, bus termini and public estates to attract more people to Sunday's mass rally at Victoria Park.