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## \$14m spells better policing

The new Divisional Police Headquarters and sub-divisional Police Station in Shatin will improve the efficiency of policing in the area and enable close contact with the local public.

This was said yesterday by the district police commander of the New Territories, Mr Michael Illingworth, at the opening of the \$14 million complex.

Mr Illingworth spoke of the new town's remarkable transformation in recent years from a rural village community to a bustling metropolis.

He said that by 1985, Shatin will have a population of about 500,000, with some 16 housing estates, sporting complexes, and cultural centres.

The township will be served by an up-to-date form of policing, he said.

"The new station will accommodate all divisional and sub-divisional uniform personnel, the CID, traffic branch, the emergency unit and the NT tactical unit contingent, and will serve as the nucleus for 16 neighbourhood policing units already approved for the area," he said.

Turning to the Shatin racecourse which lies within the boundaries of the division, Mr Illingworth noted that both the traffic situation and crime rate on racing days have been satisfactory so far.

The new station was jointly opened by Mr Illingworth and the chairman of the Heung Yee Kuk, Mr Stephen Wong, and other community leaders.