

Customs Headquarters Building (CHB)

New / improved facilities - Indoor Firing Range (IFR)

At present, C&ED has an outdoor firing range at the Customs Training School at Tai Lam which has been in use for more than 20 years.

Inadequacies or constraints of the outdoor firing range

- No provision of facilities for dim-light shooting (夜視射擊練習) and computer simulation shooting (電腦模擬實況射擊練習) exercises
- The use is subject to weather conditions
- Supply (210 training days in a year) cannot cope with present demand (300 training days). The demand will rise to 355 training days when 600 new recruits join C&ED later this year
- Remote location of the Customs Training School.

Present arrangements

- Use of range for firearm training stretched to maintenance days and carried out even in bad weather conditions.
- Borrow firing range facilities from the Correctional Services Department at Stanley;
- Non-core training programmes are cut down.

Merits of the IFR

- Improve quality of firearms training, e.g. by providing dim light and computer simulation exercises.
- Improve specialist firearms training (submachine guns (輕機槍), shotguns (散彈槍), witness protection).
- Save some 6 000 – 8 000 hours in a year on travelling by Customs staff if firearms training activities are conducted at CHB.

Indoor and outdoor ranges in parallel operation

- The two ranges will together offer 438 operational days a year, (indoor range 229 days and outdoor range 209 days).
- The indoor firing range at the CHB will provide regular annual revolver (左輪手槍) training for the 4,000 disciplined staff plus new training curriculums (dim-light shooting and computer simulation shooting exercises).
- The outdoor firing range at the training school will provide revolver training to new recruits, and specialist firearms training.

Utilization rate of the 2 firing ranges in parallel operation

Available training days in a year	CHB Indoor Range		Customs Training School Outdoor Range	
	Training Days	Officers/Times	Training Days	Officers/Times
	229		209	
Revolver	220	11,500	-	-
Sub-machine gun (MP5)	-	-	29	192
Sub-machine gun (HK53)	-	-	40	264
Shotgun	-	-	42	372
Others	-	-	64	267
Total	220	11,500	175	1,095