



Tai Mo Shan Country Park is situated on the doorstep of Tsuen Wan. 大帽山郊野公園與荃灣毗連。

## Country living in the heart of the city

Tsuen Wan offers its residents the perfect combination of urban living and rural surroundings, resulting in a convenient and healthy lifestyle

If our countryside homes can be better linked with our city offices we can arrive home quicker, swap business suits for tracksuits and step out to enjoy the fresh country air.

An improbable dream maybe. We need to live within an easy commute of work but, as our cities develop, a lush green backdrop – while keenly sought – is becoming harder to find in residential areas. A neighbourhood that combines country ambience with city convenience is a rare find indeed. But Tsuen Wan is such a place.

Part of the Tai Lam Country Park, this tranquil New

Territories enclave is designated as a special area of Hong Kong. If ever a residential environment can be a bridge between city convenience and country quiet, this is it.

Although Tsuen Wan is in the New Territories it is considered part of the urban area. The town was developed early so Tsuen Wan was one of the first rail lines on the MTR network to link with Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Tsuen Wan also offers fast connections to Hong Kong International Airport.

But, for those who enjoy an outdoor lifestyle, this area offers the best of both urban and country worlds.



Sites of outstanding natural beauty are just a short hike away. 山水之美，僅在咫尺之遙。



Tsuen Wan residents enjoy the fresh air and scenery close to their homes. 清新空氣和自然美景，荃灣居民得來全不費工夫。

### 綠意滿庭

都市人夢想遷居郊外，但同時要有便捷的交通工具往返市區工作，以及下班回家後換上便服，便可走到室外呼吸一口清新空氣來舒展身心。

當都市不斷發展，住宅區似乎越來越遠離蔥翠的環境。要同時享有郊區的清幽及城市的便利，荃灣確是個不錯的選擇。

荃灣雖位處大欖郊野公園之內，但已普遍被視為市區的一部份。荃灣是香港最早發展的其中一個新市鎮，連接荃灣與香港及九龍的荃灣線，亦是其中一條最早落成的地下鐵路線，由荃灣往返香港國際機場亦相當便捷。

對於嚮往戶外活動的人，荃灣可說是一靜中帶旺，且交通方便的地區。面向全港海拔最高的大帽山，荃灣附近有相當多的步行徑，沿途亦有供休息及野餐的地點，荃灣的居民周末可以遠足、攀山，盡情欣賞郊野景色。再走遠一點便是壯麗的城門水塘，蒼翠的山景倒映於清澈的塘水中。

具遠見的發展商利用荃灣得天獨厚的環境，將其打造成綠洲城市。嘉里建設位於荃灣的園林豪宅「縉庭山」，充分利用荃灣的天然環境，同時設有55,000平方呎的園林，成為物業的一大特色。當物業尚在計劃階段，其園林設計師Adrian Norman已考慮到將附近環境融入物業的設計，讓「綠色」成為物業主題。

Adrian Norman表示，很高興物業發展商甚具遠見，那麼著重園林設計。綠色健康生活越來越受歡迎，規劃得當的園林設計，就像一幅漂亮的油畫或一首醉人的音樂，令人心曠神怡。他並說，恬靜的綠化景致有如童年的美好回憶，使人身心感到靜謐及平和。

他表示若規劃不當，戶外地方只能視為供人踏足戶外的空間，一踏入室內便失去其作用。不過，若以具創意的設計，將形態與功能結合，讓室內與室外在視覺上統一，將戶外地方融入園林設計中，空間感則會頓然擴大。

「縉庭山」不同座向的單位，均能飽覽周圍山巒或城市景觀，設計上打破室內室外的界線，將兩者融合為和諧的空間，住客甚至可以在露台加建小型花園、種植香味撲鼻的鮮花或可供食用的蔬菜。

室內與室外劃一空間的意念亦伸延至泳池、池畔、休憩地方、遊樂場以至健身室。住客無論身處家中或公用地方，均能感受綠色生活的好處。物業亦裝設環保設備，包括節能雙層窗戶、食水過濾系統及節省用水的浴室設備。

Adrian Norman對於能參與這項計劃感到相當興奮。他認為若建築、室內設計以至園林設計能相輔相成的話，將可達至最美滿的一體空間。他很高興有發展商，特別是嘉里建設，能以開放的態度將園林設計納入物業發展中。

Looking towards Tai Mo Shan, the highest peak in the territory, Tsuen Wan is rich in walking trails where resting places and inviting picnic spots beckon. Many a happy weekend can be spent hiking to the peak, taking in the scenery and enjoying the wildlife. Explore further and discover more spectacular views over the Shing Mun Reservoir, a tranquil valley of blue water set against mountain greenery.

Visionary developers are capitalising on Tsuen Wan's advantages by reshaping the town in harmony with the landscape. An upmarket residential project named Primrose Hill, under development by Kerry Properties, maximises the beauty of the Tsuen Wan natural environment, with more than 55,000 square feet of landscaped gardens as a defining feature.

Homes at Primrose Hill provide indoor/outdoor living to an extent only possible when the landscape has been considered as a core design component. The "green" theme also extends to the development's construction.

Landscape architect Adrian Norman, responsible for landscaping at Primrose Hill, says it is refreshing to see visionary developers place such importance on landscape.

"Green, healthy living is becoming more desirable," Mr Norman says. "Landscape is like a beautiful painting or a piece of music in that, done well, it creates a feeling of well-being." He likens the effect of a tranquil green landscape to fond memories rekindled from childhood. Both have the ability to restore calm and bring a sense of peace to a home.

In times of less enlightened urban planning, explains Mr Norman, outdoor areas were usually considered only in the context of the function of the space. They were meant to be used only when one was outdoors, and left forgotten when not.

The thinking is now more creative, encompassing form and function. The key is to achieve a strong visual connection between the interior space and the outdoor environment.

A space will always feel larger if the surrounding landscape is "borrowed" from outside, he says.

All units at Primrose Hill offer open views in various directions to capitalise on the surrounding greenery and the city. The design blurs the boundaries between indoor and outdoor living, unifying the space into a single, harmonious relationship. Residents can also add their input to further enhance this green oasis by planting mini-gardens of scented blooms or edible greens on their balconies.

Clever design techniques build on the inherent indoor/outdoor relationship, as seen in the pool and pool terrace, entertainment areas, the playground and even the gym. No matter where they are in this community, from the privacy of their own homes to the expansive communal areas, residents are able to enjoy the serenity that true green living brings.

Primrose Hill also has strong environmental credentials, including energy-saving double glazed windows, a water filtration system and water-saving sanitaryware.

Mr Norman is excited to be involved in a project such as this. "When all the design disciplines work together – architecture, interior and landscape – the result is the ultimate in integrated space. Developers are finally realising this, particularly Kerry Properties. Kerry is very open to landscape ideas in all of its developments."



Kerry Properties' Primrose Hill perfectly blends the outside environment with indoor convenience and style. 嘉里建設的「縉庭山」將周邊環境和室內設計融合得天衣無縫。