

Applications for new niches at Wo Hop Shek, Cape Collinson-San Ha and Shek Mun Columbariums to close on June 18

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (June 11) reminded members of the public who wish to apply for allocations of new extendable niches at Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI in Fanling, Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium in Eastern District or Shek Mun Columbarium in Sha Tin for the deceased to promptly submit their applications on or before the deadline of June 18 (Wednesday).

An FEHD spokesman said, "For this niche allocation exercise, Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI provides 4 000 standard niches and 50 large niches; Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium provides 6 000 standard niches and 50 large niches, while Shek Mun Columbarium provides 6 000 standard smoke-free niches and 50 large smoke-free niches."

Taking into account the views of residents in the vicinity, Shek Mun Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance will be a smoke-free columbarium project, i.e. the columbarium will not provide any facilities for burning joss sticks and offerings. Burning of joss sticks and incense offerings will be banned completely within the columbarium area, including all floors and common areas.

Members of the public can apply online or download the application form from the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk) or the Platform for Cemeteries and Crematoria Services (app.fehd.gov.hk/ccsp). They can also obtain the application form in person from the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, District Environmental Hygiene Offices of the FEHD, or Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department, or by fax via hotline 2841 9111.

The spokesman advises applicants to give priority to an online submission to avoid postal delays or non-delivery. Upon submission, applicants will promptly receive an acknowledgement receipt with a case number, thus facilitating the follow-up of the application in the future. If the applicant is the same person who has applied for the cremation service for the deceased, it is more convenient to submit the application online by exempting the need to attach copies of the required documents and having the application online granted automatically. If not submitting their application online, applicants shall submit the completed application form together with copies of the required documents by the above-mentioned fax or email, by post or in person to the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office within the application period.

To avoid missing the application deadline, the spokesman reminded those intending to apply for allocation of the above niches for the deceased to submit the completed application forms together with the copies of required

documents on or before June 18.

Information on the Cemeteries and Crematoria Offices and the Public Niche Allocation Office of the FEHD is as follows:

Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: 1J Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Tel: 2570 4318

Fax: 2591 1879

Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: Upper Ground Floor, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2365 5321

Fax: 2176 4963

Public Niche Allocation Office

Address: Units 3501-3511 and 3520-3525, 35/F, Tower 1, Metroplaza, 223 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Fong, NT

Tel: 2330 5635

Fax: 2333 1716