

# Extension of opening hours and special traffic arrangements of FEHD's columbaria during Ching Ming Festival

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (March 4) said that in order to assist grave sweepers and alleviate crowd conditions, the opening hours of columbaria under the FEHD will be extended to 7am to 7pm during the Ching Ming Festival period (i.e. from March 15 to April 13). The department appealed to grave sweepers to avoid grave-sweeping activities during the peak period on the day of the Ching Ming Festival (April 4), and pay tribute to ancestors over a wider period before and after the festival.

The FEHD also reminded grave sweepers to pay attention to special traffic and transport arrangements implemented during the Ching Ming Festival. Except for permitted vehicles, all vehicles are prohibited from entering FEHD cemeteries and columbaria while the special traffic and transport arrangements are in operation. Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements in the vicinity of cemeteries and columbaria are available on the Transport Department website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)). In addition, the escalator adjacent to the Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium has been opened for public use.

As heavy usage of joss paper burners (JPBs) at the Tsang Tsui Columbarium and the Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium are expected during the peak sweeping period, no walk-in queuing for the JPBs will be allowed at both columbaria on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during the above-mentioned Ching Ming Festival period. Members of the public are required to make an advance online appointment via the FEHD website ([www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/notice.html](http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/notice.html)) or obtain a queue ticket on-site on the day of their visit at the two columbaria. For details of the JPB arrangements, please visit the FEHD website.

Choosing a green burial allows the environment to thrive and love to endure. Members of the public can register their wishes for a green burial through the Green Burial Central Register ([www.greenburial.gov.hk](http://www.greenburial.gov.hk)). The registration is simple and free of charge. Members of the public can also pay tribute to their loved ones through the Internet Memorial Services webpage ([www.memorial.gov.hk](http://www.memorial.gov.hk)) and its mobile application. During the Ching Ming Festival, a Green Burial – Love Living On exhibition will be held on the G/F of Tsang Tsui Columbarium. All are welcome to visit free of charge. Throughout the exhibition period, a food kiosk will be set up to provide food and beverages for sale.