

Gazettal of Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (Amendment) Rules 2025

The Government published the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (Amendment) Rules 2025 in the Gazette today (May 30).

The Amendment Rules mainly allow the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC) to implement arrangements for extendable niches, where the initial interment period is 20 years, which upon expiry may be extended every 10 years thereafter. The Amendment Rules also allow the BMCPC to develop a new facility: Family Gardens for Ashes, set fees relevant to the operation of the BMCPC, and introduce other technical amendments relevant to the operations of its cemeteries.

A spokesperson for the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau said, "The amendments aim to optimise the BMCPC's management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries and the related arrangements. Implementation of the extendable niches arrangement will contribute to the circulation of niches and hence be conducive to meeting the growing public demand for niches in the long term. Separately, the development of Family Gardens for Ashes will allow the BMCPC to optimise the use of idle grave spaces in less accessible locations, thereby further enriching the options on cemetery services that it provides."

The Amendment Rules will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on June 4 and will commence on August 1.