

New public niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium continue to be allocated monthly and applications accepted all year round

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (November 15) that it will continue to accept applications for the new extendable public niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium in Tuen Mun all year round and allocate the niches on a monthly basis from December 1 until further notice.

An FEHD spokesman said, "Depending on the number of applications received, the FEHD will allocate around 1 700 smoke-free and non-smoke-free standard niches and 20 non-smoke-free large niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium per month."

Applicants should only file one application form to apply for either a large niche or a standard niche for the same deceased person. When applying for a large niche, the applicant has to fill in at least three deceased persons' particulars in the application form. For applying for a standard niche, the applicant has to fill in at least one deceased person's particulars.

"When deciding on the type of niche, applicants should make reference to the relevant information in the dedicated application webpage in the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk)," the spokesman added.

Application forms can be downloaded from the FEHD website or obtained from the department's Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, District Environmental Hygiene Offices, and Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department.

The completed application form together with copies of the required documents can be submitted by fax (2333 1716), by email (apply_newniche@fehd.gov.hk), by post or in person to the FEHD's Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office. In addition, the FEHD advises applicants to submit application forms online so as to avoid postal delays or non-delivery.

On the 20th of each month (if it is a Saturday or a public holiday, it will be postponed to the next working day), the FEHD will conduct the drawing of lots and computer balloting for eligible applications received in the previous month to determine the successful applicants and the designated niches allocated to them. The successful applicants will be notified by SMS, email or post of the serial number of the designated niche allocated. Applicants can also check the results of their applications at the FEHD website immediately after the drawing of lots and computer balloting, or on

the next day at the Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, the Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or the Public Niche Allocation Office or through the enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

For details of the arrangements of this niche allocation exercise, please visit the FEHD website, or call 2841 9111 or email enquiry_newniche@fehd.gov.hk.

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, New Territories

Tel: 2330 5635

Fax: 2333 1716