

Honourable Tam Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Chairman, Legislative Council
Panel on Public Service

8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear Mr. TAM,

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Policy on Earth Burial at Gallant Garden

We have been invited to present our views on the captioned subject at the coming Panel meeting scheduled on 26 April 2001. After deliberation among our three constituent Associations of the Staff Side, Senior Civil Service Council namely, the Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association, the Association of Expatriate Civil Servants of Hong Kong and the Senior Non-Expatriate Officers' Association, we are of the view that, whether earth burial in Gallant Garden is permanent or for a fixed period, the Administration should always be flexible and give sympathetic and compassionate consideration to the circumstances of each and every civil servant or government employee whose death occurred as a direct consequence of the discharge of his/her duties. Our view has also been conveyed to Mr Joseph WONG, the Secretary for the Civil Service at a recent meeting of the Senior Civil Service Council.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Secretary for the Civil Service