

Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (Amendment) Bill 2015
Debate and voting arrangements

- Main object of the Bill :** To amend the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Ordinance (Cap. 1112) (“the Ordinance”) and the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Rules (Cap. 1112A) (“the Rules”) to:
- (a) broaden the scope of eligible deceased persons to be interred, buried or deposited in a cemetery specified in the First Schedule to the Rules;
 - (b) allow the burials of human ashes in an exhumable lot;
 - (c) provide for the power to cremate unclaimed human remains;
 - (d) amend the purposes and powers of the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (“the Board”); and
 - (e) provide for related matters and make technical amendments.

First debate	: Clauses with no amendment	- Clauses 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 to 14, 17 to 28, 30, 31, 32 and 34
Voting : To vote on the above clauses standing part of the Bill		
Second debate	: Clauses with amendments proposed by the Secretary for Home Affairs	- Clauses 5, 7, 10, 15, 16, 29 and 33
Joint debate on the original clauses and the above amendments.		
Debate theme : Amendments to the above clauses of the Bill on various matters		
Clauses 5 and 10		
- To amend the proposed rule 3 of the Rules in clause 10 by adding rule 3(2) to stipulate that a step child, an adopted child and a child born out of wedlock are to be treated as the child of a person, and a half-blood brother or sister of a person is to be treated as the whole blood brother or sister of a person in deducing a relationship between two persons under the definition of “relative”, and to renumber rule 3 as rule 3(1); and to make consequential amendments to clause 10(1) to (11) and clause 5(3) of the Bill to change the references to rule 3 of the Rules therein to rule 3(1).		
Clause 7		
- To amend the proposed section 7(2) of the Ordinance in clause 7 to stipulate that the Board may donate any moneys vested in it to any charity operating for the benefit of the community of Hong Kong or any sector (but not a particular one) of that community.		

Clause 15

- To amend the proposed rule 14(2)(b) of the Rules in clause 15 to stipulate that the Board shall publish a notice in at least one local English newspaper, in addition to the Gazette and at least two local Chinese newspapers, before the disinterment and removal of human remains and ashes from exhumable lots on expiry of the term.

Clause 16

- To amend the proposed rule 14A(b) of the Rules in clause 16 to stipulate that the Board shall publish a notice in at least one local English newspaper, in addition to the Gazette and at least two local Chinese newspapers, before the cremation of human remains removed from exhumable lots.

Clause 29

- To amend the proposed rule 23 of the Rules in clause 29 to replace the term “terrorist attack” with “terrorist act as defined by section 2(1) of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575)”.

Clause 33

- To amend the proposed item 5 of Schedule 3 to the Rules in clause 33(1) and (2) to stipulate the fee arrangements for multiple interments or burials in the same grave space or urn lot.

Voting	:	To vote on the above amendments together, and then vote on the original clauses or the clauses as amended standing part of the Bill
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Third debate	:	Schedule with no amendment	-	Schedule
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Voting	:	To vote on the Schedule standing part of the Bill
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