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Dear Chairman,

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Follow-up to Meeting on 14 April 2015

## <u>Provision of Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance</u> at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun

When the captioned subject was discussed at the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (the Panel) on 14 April 2015, Members enquired about the progress of and the targeted timetable, if any, for the public columbarium developments in the remaining sites identified under the district-based columbarium development where support from the respective District Councils had yet to be obtained. I write to provide the information sought by Members.

## Public supply of niches

- 2. Under the district-based columbarium development scheme, a total of 24 potential sites have been identified in all 18 districts for columbarium development.
- 3. The construction of 1 540 new niches in the Diamond Hill Columbarium and 1 000 niches in Cheung Chau Cemetery was completed in 2012 and 2013 respectively. We have also consulted the relevant District Councils (DCs) on another five projects involving a total of 449 000 new niches as set out in the table below –

District	Potential Site
Tuen Mun	(3) Part of the Tsang Tsui ash lagoon next to Black Point Power Station
Kwai Tsing	(4) A site on Tsing Tsuen Road near the Tsuen Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery
North	(5a) Surplus coffin burial grounds and other land within the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery (Phase I)
Eastern	(6) A site on Cape Collinson Road opposite the Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery Columbarium and next to Wan Tsui Estate Park
North	(7) Undeveloped areas within the Sandy Ridge Cemetery

The above seven projects (which in total would provide 451 540 new niches) account for more than half of the total number of niches available in all the 24 projects.

4. As regards the columbarium developments at the remaining 17 sites, our current target is to consult the relevant District Councils on eight of them within the next few years. They include the following –

District		Potential Site
Wan Chai	(8)	FEHD's Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office (part thereof) at Wong Nai Chung Road
Sha Tin	(9)	Fu Shan Columbarium extension
Sha Tin	(10)	A site on On Hing Lane, Shek Mun, next to Shatin Refuse Transfer Station

District	Potential Site
Tai Po	(11) A site at the southwestern corner of the Shuen Wan Ex-Landfill, near Tai Po Industrial Estate
Islands	(12) Lai Chi Yuen extension at Mui Wo
Tsuen Wan	(13) A site at the eastern end of Sham Shui Kok Drive, Siu Ho Wan, North Lantau
Tsuen Wan	(14) A site at the western end of Sham Shui Kok Drive, Siu Ho Wan, North Lantau
Yuen Long	(15) A site between San Tam Road and Mai Po Lung Road, San Tin

5. For projects under planning other than those named in paragraphs 3 to 4 above, we will draw up the time line for taking forward these projects in due course. They include the following –

District	Potential Site
Kwai Tsing	(16) A site at the Ex-Kwai Chung Incineration Plant at Kwai Yu Street
Kwai Tsing	(17) A site on Kwai Tai Road, southeast of Ex-Kwai Chung Incineration Plant
North	(5b) Surplus coffin burial grounds and other land within the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery, namely (i) Phase II development and (ii) Phase III development
Sham Shui Po	(18) A site north of Ching Cheung Road near the Roman Catholic Cemetery
Central and Western	(19) A site at Mount Davis Road, east of Chiu Yuen Cemetery
Southern	(20) A site adjoining the Chinese Christian Cemetery at Pok Fu Lam
Sai Kung	(21) A site at Area 132, Tseung Kwan O, near the Tseung Kwan O Chinese Permanent Cemetery
Kowloon City	(22) A vacant staff quarter (part thereof) inside a funeral parlour at 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom
Yau Tsim Mong	(23) Former school within Tin Hau Temple on Temple Street
Kwun Tong	(24) A site next to the Ex-Ma Yau Tong Central Landfill Site

6. In determining which project(s) should be taken forward ahead of others, we have taken into consideration circumstantial factors including known site constraints, funding availability and likely complexity of the works, etc.

## Summing Up

7. Meanwhile, we are proceeding with putting the Tsang Tsui columbarium project before the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for funding approval as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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