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Ms Josephine SO
Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms SO,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Reply to Hon Jeremy Tam**

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2019. On Hon Jeremy Tam's enquiry on the application for and renewal of public niches by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with a view to assisting citizens in need, our reply is set out as follows.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) invited the representatives of the voluntary NGOs currently providing after-death care services to elderly people without descendants or relatives to a briefing session on extendable niche arrangement in early May 2019. They were clearly explained of the extendable niche arrangement in detail with a view to assisting their organisations in exploring how to take forward their service for these elderly people. The NGOs can make use of the nomination of representatives, i.e. the niche allocatee can nominate two representatives, who can be the staff of NGOs, and any of them can apply for extension in future. They can also

change the nominees as when required and let their successors or other nominated persons apply for extension. The NGOs are considering how to cope with the extendable niche arrangement and FEHD has not received further notice thus far. FEHD would maintain communications with the NGOs concerned to provide appropriate assistance when necessary.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (Attn: Mr Chiu Yu-chow)