

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing to suggest a possible solution to the issue of cemetery over-capacity, which has sparked a lot of public attention lately. I believe that it would be beneficial to both our fellow citizens, as well as our environment, if a programme could be set up to combine public tree planting together with the scattering of ashes of loved ones.

This solution addresses issues on multiple levels:

- Willingness to participate in this programme could prevent over-capacitation at current cemeteries;
- Ashes which have not been claimed can also be included in this programme to free up existing space;
- The implementation of such a programme could eliminate the need for building new cemeteries, which would appease the residents of various districts who are already showing strong objection;
- As a bonus, more trees will be grown in Hong Kong, improving our heavily polluted environment.

In addition, the use of a 100% biodegradable bag for the ashes can help make the process more convenient.

This suggestion is based on the 8 memorial parks that are already in place and serves as an alternative option as the availability of land in our city becomes more scarce by the day.

Thank you for your time and the best of luck with your department's decision on the best possible course of action concerning the issue!

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