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Subject More Columbarium?

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Dear Sirs,

It is good to hear that the government has long-term plan to encourage people to handle their relative's remains in a more economical and environmental friendly manner. This involves cultural change, and it takes time. So what I am saying is that the long-term way (sustainable) to handle citizen's remains need to be developed stronger. Meanwhile, the short-term way need to be developed further because there will likely be a shortage of land burial space and columbaria before their demand drops.

What I propose to ease the resistance of columbaria from the public is to improve its management:

- (1) Limit the occupancy period of urns.
- (2) Reduce the noise level caused by corresponding activity of columbaria.
- (3) Reduce or eliminate the environmental pollution including heat and smoke caused.
- (4) Educate the public with regards to the use of such facility.

The bottom line is these columbaria will still pollute, will still occupy land space, even they are located far from residents. We all live in the same planet. Taking a "Out of sight, out of mind" mentality is terrible. Imagine this, what will the scenery like when we have similar facility like the Wong Tai Sin Temple in every area of Hong Kong? And what is going on in the Temple happens everyday. It is not the same as fire work display that happens once or twice per year.

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