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1. Each district and area should have their own columbarium. It should be mentioned that those citizens in the surrounding area will have first priority and choice of location within the columbarium. This will make it easier for local people to accept.

2. Existing cemeteries could consider building a columbarium within their land. It could also be suggested that those with graves could be moved to the columbarium so as to save costs and space (if their descendants are willing). Building at existing cemeteries would avoid excessive expansion of new columbariums in areas previously without any cemetery or columbarium.

3. I agree that existing religious organizations could build columbariums within or adjacent to their churches to supplement their existing services and assist to relieve pressure.

4. I agree with promotion of environmentally friendly ways such as throwing the ashes into deep waters or at a garden. Other possibilities include the making of 'crystals' or diamonds from the ashes which I have seen in newspapers.

7. The government may also suggest invitation of foreign companies in the private sector willing to get involved. They can provide services at costs which citizens may accept.

8. I agree that it should be licensed. For those not licensed, they may be considered illegal and forced to comply with government regulations in order to be licensed.