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Subject FW: Public Consultation on Review of Columbarium Policy

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Government had issued a public consultation paper on 6th July about the captioned subject (

<http://news.gov.hk/tc/category/healthandcommunity/100706/html/100706tc05006.htm>)

and we would like to submit our comments to the proposal.

In the last page of the paper, of the 12 suggested sites for columbarium development, 3 sites are in Kwai Tsing district. In fact, two of the sites (no.8: ex incineration plant & no.9: SE of the incineration plant) are located adjacent to Terminal Five of Modern Terminals (MTL).

Our key concern is on the traffic impact on public road especially during the few weeks when large number of people will visit the columbarium:

1. There are limited traffic routings to sites no.8 and 9 and some of which share the same public road with the traffic to/from our ingress and egress points at 4 locations along Kwai Tai Road:

YII Kwai Tai Road next to the old incineration plant

YII Kwai Tai Road adjacent to STT3658

YII Kwai Tai Road / Kwai King Road

YII Kwai Tai Road / Container Port Road

The surge in road traffic during the peak weeks in a year may interfere with our normal container terminal traffic. Access of all ingress and egress points to MTL should be maintained at all time. The traffic volume generated by the new columbarium should not at any time affect or delay the traffic to and from MTL site via these points.

2. In some case, Police / Transportation department impose traffic restriction to public cemetery. We are concerned that such restriction may also be applied to the proposed columbarium that may impact the normal road side operation of MTL. In the planning of the site, the relevant department should perform detailed traffic impact study and ensure there is no impact and no restriction to MTL in any period during the year.

3. There should be properly-planned mass transportation system and walkway for expected volume of visitors and prevent pedestrian crossing that may increase the chance of road accident with the traffic of heavy vehicles in the area.

Regards,
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