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Subject View on licensing scheme for private columbaria

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Dear Sir/Madam.

I believe it is important the government take careful consideration on how to handle the-historical legacy of the pre-existing unauthorised private columbaria.-Nany temples have provided columbaria services for a long period of time before the requirement of licensing.-Given the fact it has been our Chinese custom to put-cremains in a temple, the government should give priority to process the licensing of temples to become authorised private columbaria. To-avoid public-disturbance and be respectful of our the Chinese customs, the licensing body should give a grace period and provide support to temples to meet the regulatory standards.

Secondly, government should also consider making it public information (available on the government website) which temples and private columbaria are licensed and the expiry date of their license.

Thirdly, if the license of a private columbaria expires or they fail to meet the regulatory requirements, they should be given a grace period to meet the regulatory requirements. Furthermore, they should be required to notify the-owners/descendants-to allow them to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your valuable time. Should there be anything unclear and requires further-explanation-please do not-hesitate-to contact me. I can be reached by phone (\* ) or email (\* <u>Qomail.com</u>).

Regards

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