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Dear Sir/Madam,

Refer to the above Consultation paper, I would like to suggest my view points as follows:

- 1) Chapter 3: I fully support the establishment, role and function of the Licensing Board for Private Columbaria.
- 2) Chapter 4: a) The number of niches regards as a Private Columbarium is any number greater than 10.
b) The licensing period for the operator should not be lesser than 20 years in order to protect the consumers' benefits.
c) Right of Use Premises should be self ownership by the operator so that the change will be minimum.
d) At least 10 % of the Sales volume should be reserved as Management fund.
e) Prior arrangement in case of cessation should be mandatory as Mode of operation.
- 3) Chapter 5: a) No exemption should be given to all operators including those pre-existing columbaria due to Equality to everybody.
- 4) Chapter 7: Duration of transition period should be as soon as possible and lesser than 12 months in order to support the establishment of the Licensing Board.

Conclusion: The enforcement of the licensing conditions to the operators of private columbaria will regulate the business environment and protect the consumers in HKSAR.

Best Regards,

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