

Application for new niches at Tsang Tsui and Wong Nai Chung Road columbaria to close this Friday

Application for some 20 000 new extendable niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium in Tuen Mun and Wong Nai Chung Road Columbarium in Wan Chai will close this Friday (June 14).

A Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) spokesman said today (June 11) that application for the niches in this exercise started on May 15 and will close at 5pm on June 14. Late applications will not be accepted.

There will be 20 160 standard niches, including 7 080 smoke-free niches and 13 080 non-smoke-free niches, and 220 non-smoke-free large niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium for allocation in the first phase. Together with 855 smoke-free standard niches at Wong Nai Chung Road Columbarium, a total of 21 235 extendable niches will be allocated.

Applicants should only file one application form to apply for either a large niche or standard niche for the same deceased person. When applying for a large niche, the applicant has to fill in at least three deceased persons' particulars in the application form. For applications for a standard niche, the applicant has to fill in at least one deceased person's particulars.

Application forms can be downloaded from the FEHD's website (www.fehd.gov.hk) or obtained from the department's Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office; District Environmental Hygiene Offices; Home Affairs Enquiry Centres; Post Offices on Cheung Chau, Lamma Island and Peng Chau and at Mui Wo and Tai O; or by fax through the enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

The completed application form together with copies of the required documents must be submitted by fax (2333 1716), email (apply_newniche@feh.gov.hk) or in person to the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or by post to the above offices. Applicants holding the Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes or Certificates of Cremation of the deceased issued by the FEHD may fill in the electronic application form and submit the application online.

The FEHD will notify the successful applicants by SMS, email or post of the serial number of the designated niche allocated. Applicants can also check the results of their applications on the day after the drawing of lots and computer balloting at the FEHD's website, the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or the Public Niche Allocation Office and through the enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

Leaflets about the arrangements of this niche allocation exercise are

available for collection at the department's Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office; District Environmental Hygiene Offices; Home Affairs Enquiry Centres; or the Post Offices on Cheung Chau, Lamma Island and Peng Chau and at Mui Wo and Tai O. For details, please visit the FEHD's website, or call 2841 9111 or email enquiry_newniche@fehd.gov.hk for enquiries.

Information on the Cemeteries and Crematoria Offices and the Public Niche Allocation Office of the FEHD is as follows:

Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: 1J, Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Tel: 2570 4318

Fax: 2591 1879

Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: Upper Ground Floor, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2365 5321

Fax: 2176 4963

Public Niche Allocation Office

Address: Upper Ground Floor, Block B, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2330 5635

Fax: 2333 1716