

Extension of opening hours and special traffic arrangements of FEHD's columbaria during Ching Ming Festival

As a large number of grave sweepers are expected on the day of the Ching Ming Festival (April 4), a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (March 14) appealed to grave sweepers to avoid grave-sweeping activities during the peak period on the day of the Ching Ming Festival, and pay tribute to ancestors over a wider period before and after the Ching Ming Festival.

For the convenience of grave sweepers, the opening hours of the columbaria under the FEHD will be extended to 7am to 7pm during the Ching Ming Festival period (i.e. from March 16 to April 14). The spokesman reminded grave sweepers to pay attention to the special traffic and transport arrangements implemented during the Ching Ming Festival. Except for permitted vehicles, all vehicles are prohibited from entering FEHD cemeteries and columbaria while the special traffic and transport arrangements are in operation. Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements in the vicinity of the cemeteries and columbaria are available on the Transport Department website (www.td.gov.hk). In addition, the escalator adjacent to Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium has been opened for public access.

For Tsang Tsui Columbarium and Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium, no walk-in queuing for joss paper burners (JPBs) will be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during the above-mentioned Ching Ming Festival period. Members of the public are required to make an advance online appointment (applicable to Tsang Tsui Columbarium only) or obtain a queue ticket on-site on the day of their visit at these two columbaria. For details of the JPB arrangements, please visit the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/Joss_Paper_Burners_in_tsang_tsui_and_san_ha_Columbarium.html).

Choosing a green burial allows the environment to thrive and love to endure. Members of the public can register their wish for a green burial through the Green Burial Central Register (www.greenburial.gov.hk/). The registration is simple and free of charge. Members of the public can also pay tribute to their loved ones through the Internet Memorial Service webpage (www.memorial.gov.hk) and its mobile application. During the Ching Ming Festival, a Green Burial Exhibition will be held on the G/F of Tsang Tsui Columbarium. All are welcome to visit free of charge. Throughout the exhibition period, a food kiosk will be set up to provide food and beverages for sale.