

Human remains buried in 2016 in six public cemeteries to be removed

An order to remove and dispose of human remains buried in 2016 in six public cemeteries was gazetted today (August 18).

The order was made under section 119A of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), which empowers the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (DFEH) to direct the removal and disposal of human remains buried in public cemeteries for a period of not less than six years.

According to the order, human remains subject to removal include those buried in 2016 in the coffin sections of Wo Hop Shek Cemetery in Fanling, Cheung Chau Cemetery, Tai O Cemetery and Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery on Lantau; the "T" Section of Sandy Ridge Cemetery and the Government Urn Section of Sandy Ridge Urn Cemetery in Lo Wu.

Persons who wish to arrange for private exhumation and disposal of the human remains should apply in person to the department's Cemeteries and Crematoria Office on the Upper Ground Floor, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, on or before August 30 this year. Enquiries can be made on 2365 5321 or 2364 5364.

Any remains buried in 2016 in the six cemeteries not exhumed as required will be cremated at a government crematorium. The ashes will be buried at Sandy Ridge Urn Cemetery in Lo Wu or other cemeteries as the DFEH may decide.