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Question:

Please advise on the plans by the Department for the provision of more crematorium and columbarium facilities during 2011-12. What are the arrangements for the projects concerned during 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to upgrade public cremators by phases to increase their handling capacity. Works for reprovisioning the Wo Hop Shek Crematorium with six cremators and other ancillary facilities has commenced since July 2009 for completion in end 2011 / early 2012. Works for reprovisioning the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide for ten new cremators and other ancillary facilities has commenced since June 2010 for completion in two phases in 2012 and late 2014 respectively. With the completion of these two reprovisioning projects, the number of scheduled cremation sessions per annum will be increased by 31.3% from 40 200 in 2010 to 52 800.

Besides, the construction of a new public columbarium with about 41 000 niches and a Garden of Remembrance in the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery is underway for completion in mid 2012. To increase the supply of public niches, the Administration has been promoting the district-based columbarium development scheme and, in 2010, released 17 potential sites across 12 districts for building public columbarium facilities. The Administration is conducting feasibility studies on these sites and will continue to identify suitable sites in the remaining six districts. The relevant District Council will be consulted before sites are confirmed for development.

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