

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please give details of the projects to be taken forward to “provide more columbarium facilities” in the next three years, including the locations of the projects, the number of niches to be provided and the completion dates of the projects.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

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.

Signature _____

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