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Question:

With regard to the work of continuing to take forward plans and projects to provide more crematorium and columbarium facilities, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) the latest progress made in respect of the 24 potential sites identified by the Government for public columbarium development, with a breakdown by location; and
- 2) the crematorium and columbarium facilities that will be completed in the next 2 years.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 147)

Reply:

- 1) Under the district-based columbarium development scheme, a total of 24 potential sites have been identified in the 18 districts for columbarium development. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the end of 2017, the Government has consulted the relevant District Councils (DCs) on the projects at 14 sites, and all DCs indicated support or no-objection to the projects. These 14 projects would provide around 589 000 new niches in total, accounting for about two-thirds of the total number of new niches available in all the 24 projects. Out of these 14 projects, the projects at 2 sites, i.e. Diamond Hill (Wong Tai Sin) and Cheung Chau (Islands), have been completed. The projects at 3 sites, i.e. Tsang Tsui (Tuen Mun), Wo Hop Shek (Phase 1) (North District) and Wong Nai Chung Road (Wan Chai), are under construction. The projects at the other 9 sites are being taken forward. They are located in Sandy Ridge (North District), Chai Wan (Eastern District), Shek Mun (Sha Tin), Kwai Chung (3 sites) (Kwai Tsing), Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery (Islands District) and Siu Ho Wan (2 sites) (Tsuen Wan). As regards the remaining projects, the Government will continue the planning work and consult the relevant DCs when ready.
- 2) Details about the columbarium facilities that will be completed in the next 2 years are as follows –

Location	Number of niches	Anticipated Year of Completion
Peng Chau Columbarium Extension, Islands District#	360	2018
Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office (Part) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department at Wong Nai Chung Road, Wan Chai District	855	2018
Cheung Chau Columbarium Extension, Islands District#	1 400	2019
Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun District	160 000	2019
Wo Hop Shek Cemetery (Phase 1), North District	44 000	2019
Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery Extension, Islands District	790	2020

Not under the district-based columbarium development scheme

New crematorium facilities are being planned at Sandy Ridge in the North District and tentatively scheduled for commissioning in mid 2020s.

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