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Question :

Please advise on the specific plans by the Department to take forward the provision of more crematoria and columbaria facilities during 2009-10.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

With the endorsement of the Finance Committee on 13 February 2009, works for the reprovisioning of the Wo Hop Shek Crematorium will commence in mid-2009 for constructing six new cremators and other ancillary facilities to replace the existing crematorium. We are also planning to redevelop the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide for ten new cremators. The details and the expenditure of the Cape Collinson Crematorium reprovisioning project are being worked out.

In addition, we are planning for new columbarium facilities at the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery providing for about 37 000 niches and a Garden of Remembrance for completion by around 2012. We will consult the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the project when details and the estimated expenditure have been worked out. Separately, we are exploring the feasibility of constructing more Gardens of Remembrance at existing public cemeteries.

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