

永茂園 (No known English name)'s

Temporary Suspension of Liability (TSOL) Application

“Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”

Based on the documents submitted by the applicant so far, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (the PCLB) is of the view that the above application for TSOL is basically in compliance with the application requirements for TSOL except for the requirements concerning the ash interment quantity and that the vetting of the niche information is still underway; the vetting by Lands Department to the documents submitted by the applicant in relation to the requirement of occupation of unleased land is still underway; the verification on the owner's consent for the premises to be used as a columbarium is subject to the results of the legal proceedings regarding the ownership of the premises; and the requirement of action plan for compliance with the requirements for the Exemption application. The PCLB issued the notification to the applicant on 10 March 2023, informing the applicant that the TSOL application of the above private columbarium has been approved in principle with a validity period of 3 years from 10 March 2023 to 9 March 2026. During this validity period, the applicant should take all necessary steps with reasonable expedition to achieve compliance with the requirements for the Exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application, and submitted relevant supporting documents and information to PCLB (via Private Columbaria Affairs Office) as soon as possible. The above application for TSOL has not been determined by the PCLB.

Please note that the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” does not mean that the application for an Exemption in respect of the columbarium concerned will be approved eventually. If the applicant fails to comply with all the requirements in respect of the Exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application and fails to prove to the satisfaction of the PCLB that the applicant has taken all the above-mentioned necessary steps with reasonable expedition by the expiry of the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the PCLB will not extend the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” and may refuse the whole set of applications. Under such circumstances, the columbarium concerned will have to cease operation and dispose of the ashes interred in the columbarium in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Private Columbaria Ordinance.

If the applicant has complied with all the requirements in respect of the

application for an Exemption submitted together with the TSOL application during the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the PCLB will consider holding an open meeting to examine the relevant application with a view to determining the application for Exemption directly.