

Pun Chun Yuen (思親堂)

Exemption Application

“Approval-in-principle for Exemption Application”

Based on the documents submitted by the applicant so far, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (the Licensing Board) considered that the above exemption application is basically in compliance with the requirements for the exemption application, except land-related requirements and those requirements related to ash interment quantity and the register stipulated under section 24 of the Ordinance.

As regards ash interment quantity, the applicant confirmed in writing that all the ashes newly interred in the Columbarium, during (I) the period after the cut-off time and prior to the enactment date of the legislation (i.e. 30 June 2017) and (II) the grace period, were interred in the niches sold before the cut-off time. According to the measures promulgated by the Licensing Board on 30 August 2019 for speeding up the processing of applications, under the aforesaid circumstances, approval can be granted to a columbarium in compliance with all other requirements for the exemption application without requiring the columbarium to restore the ash interment quantity to the level before the enactment date of the legislation first.

The Licensing Board has decided to give an approval-in-principle for the above exemption application for a validity period of one year commencing from the date of this notification (i.e. valid from 24 June 2022 to 23 June 2023). The applicant has to take effort to comply with the land-related requirement and the register required under section 24 of the Ordinance within the one-year validity period and then notify the Licensing Board in writing.

This “approval-in-principle for exemption application” is valid for one year. If the applicant has not complied with the above requirements and notified the Licensing Board (c/o PCAO) in writing of its compliance with those requirements within one year from the giving of this “approval-in-principle for exemption application”, the Licensing Board will re-examine this exemption application.

Remarks on the Extension of Validity Period of Approval-in-principle
for Pun Chun Yuen (思親堂)’s Exemption Application

Having considered the progress of the actions taken by the applicant to comply with the requirements for this exemption application and the comments offered by the concerned departments, the Licensing Board decided to extend the validity period of this “Approval-in-principle” for 6 months (i.e. up to 23 December 2023). Applicant must expedite the required actions to comply with the requirements of this exemption application as soon as possible, and notify the Licensing Board (c/o the Private Columbaria Affairs Office (PCAO)) in writing. If the PCAO receives the applicant’s submission and written notification and the confirmation reply from concerned departments on compliance of requirements, the PCAO will report it to the Licensing Board and submit the application to the Licensing Board for final determination. If the applicant still fails to comply with the requirements for this exemption application and notify the Licensing Board (c/o the PCAO) in writing by 23 December 2023, the Licensing Board will re-examine the exemption application.