

Sze Lo Temple's

Exemption Application

“Approval-in-principle for Exemption Application”

Based on the documents submitted by the applicant so far, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (PCLB) considered that the exemption application of “Sze Lo Temple” private columbarium is basically complied with the requirements for the exemption application (except for the land-related requirements, the requirements on the right to use the columbarium premises and those requirements related to the register of niches and ash interment quantity).

As regards the ash interment quantity, the applicant has confirmed in writing that all the ashes newly interred after 30 June 2017 in the columbarium during the grace period were interred in the niches sold before the cut-off time. According to the measures promulgated by the PCLB on 30 August 2019 for speeding up the processing of applications, under the aforesaid circumstances, an exemption application may be approved if the columbarium complies 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 first.

The PCLB has decided to give an approval-in-principle for the above exemption application for a validity period of one year (from 13 January 2023 to 12 January 2024). Within the one-year validity period, the applicant has to make efforts to comply with the land-related requirements, the requirements on the right to use the columbarium premises and those requirements related to the register of niches under section 24 of the Private Columbaria Ordinance and notify the PCLB in writing.

If the applicant complies with the above requirements relating to land, right to use the premises and the register of niches, the Private Columbaria Affairs Office will submit the exemption application to the PCLB for determination.

If the applicant has not complied with the above requirements and notified the PCLB in writing of its compliance with those requirements within the one-year validity period of this “approval-in-principle for exemption application”, the PCLB will re-examine this exemption application.