

**Remarks on Approval-in-principle for
Po Tung Tower, Lo Hon Monastery's Licence Application**

Based on the documents submitted by the applicant so far, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (The Licensing Board) considers that this licence application is basically in compliance with the application requirements for a licence. However, the Licensing Board noted that two “Dangerous Hillside Orders” served by the Buildings Department on the applicant in respect of two retaining walls adjacent to the premises under application had not been complied with. According to the information of the Buildings Department, the applicant had submitted the amendment plan of slope remedial works for the two retaining walls and the same was approved by the Buildings Department on 16 January 2018. The Buildings Department granted the consent to the commencement of building works on 11 April 2018 and renewed the consent on 18 June 2019. For the sake of public safety, the Licensing Board will only determine the licence application after the applicant has complied with the above “Dangerous Hillside Orders” and confirmation of compliance was obtained from the Buildings Department. This “approval-in-principle” is valid for one year. If the applicant fails to comply with the above “Dangerous Hillside Orders” and notify the Licensing Board (c/o PCAO) and the Buildings Department in writing of its compliance with the above orders within one year from the giving of this “approval-in-principle”, the Licensing Board will re-examine the licence application.

**Remarks on Extension of the validity period of
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Having considered the progress of the actions taken by the applicant to comply with the concerned “Dangerous Hillside Orders” and the comments offered by the concerned department, the Licensing Board has decided to extend the validity period of this “approval-in-principle” up to 13 September 2021. When the applicant has complied with the above “Dangerous Hillside Orders” and obtained confirmation of compliance from the Buildings Department, the Private Columbaria Affairs Office (the PCAO) will invite the concerned departments to advise whether they have any updated comments on the licence application. If there are updated comments, depending on the circumstances, the PCAO will convey the updated comments to the applicant for follow-up action or directly submit the licence application with the updated comments to the Licensing Board for determination. If the applicant still fails to comply with the above “Dangerous Hillside Orders” and notify the Licensing Board (c/o the PCAO) and the Buildings Department in writing by 13 September 2021, the Licensing Board will re-examine the licence application.