

**Hoi Wui Ling Tap, Crematorium & Columbarium
in Ngong Ping, Po Lin Monastery'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 requirement concerning the ash interment quantity and that **the vetting of the niche figures is still underway**. The PCLB issued the notification to the applicant on 29 July 2021, informing the applicant that the above private columbarium has been given “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” with a validity period of 3 years from 29 July 2021 to 28 July 2024. During this validity period, the applicant should take all necessary steps with reasonable expedition according to the action plan with timetable (as submitted to and accepted by the PCLB for compliance with the relevant application requirements of TSOL) to achieve compliance with the requirements for the Licence application submitted together with the TSOL application. The application for TSOL has not been determined by the PCLB. If, subsequently, the applicant can comply with all application requirements (including the requirement regarding the ash interment quantity), the PCLB may consider issuing a TSOL.

Please note that giving an “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” does not mean that the application for a Licence in respect of the columbarium concerned will be approved eventually. If the applicant fails to comply with all the requirements in respect of the Licence 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 application. 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 a Licence submitted together with the TSOL application during the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the PCLB will consider determining the application for Licence directly and hold an open meeting to examine the relevant application.