

Hong Kong Society for the Promotion of Virtue (Sin Hing Tung))’s
Temporary Suspension of Liability (TSOL) Application
[Covering only niches already sold before cut-off time in niche hall number 1 - 16]

“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 niche information is still underway**. The PCLB issued the notification to the applicant on 9 September 2022, 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 9 September 2022 to 8 September 2025. 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 Exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application. The above-mentioned application for TSOL has not been determined by the PCLB.

Please note that an “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.