

Annex 2 – Extension of Approval-in-principle for Temporary Suspension of Liability at Ching To Yuen

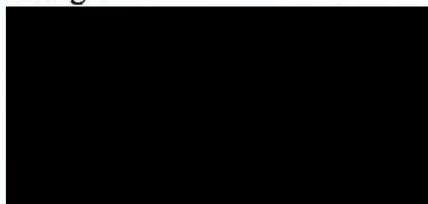
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By Registered Post

6 August 2025

Ching To Yuen



Dear Ms YU,

**Application for Specified Instruments
under the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630) (the Ordinance)**

Name of Columbarium:	Ching To Yuen
Address of Columbarium:	60 To Fung Shan Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong (Lot No. 374 (part) and Section A of Lot No. 375 (part) in D.D. 186)
Applicant:	Ching To Yuen Limited
Date of receipt of applications by the Private Columbaria Licensing Board:	28 March 2018
Types of specified instruments under application:	Licence application and Temporary Suspension of Liability (TSOL) application in respect of “pre-cut- off columbarium”

**Notification of Extension of “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”
by the Licensing Board**

The Private Columbaria Licensing Board (**Licensing Board**) has issued a letter on 16 August 2022 informing the Applicant that it had decided to give an “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” in respect of the abovenamed private columbarium, Ching To Yuen (the **Columbarium**), for a validity period of 3 years (i.e. valid from 16 August 2022 to 15 August 2025).

2. The Licensing Board received the application and required documents for an extension of the above “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” on 14 February 2025, 11 March 2025, 30 April 2025, 20 June 2025, 11 July 2025 and 17 July 2025. Having considered the justifications provided in the applicant’s documents, the progress of actions taken by the applicant in complying with the requirements of this application and the comments from the relevant departments, the Licensing Board has decided to extend the validity period of the above “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” for 3 years up to 15 August 2028.

Please pay attention to the following:

3. During the above validity period, the Applicant must ensure that the Columbarium continues to comply with the “Fire Safety Requirements and those updated from time to time for Private Columbaria” imposed by the Fire Services Department for the Columbarium (Please refer to Appendix 1 of Annex 9 to the Application Guide for Private Columbarium Licence and Other Specified Instruments).

4. If the Applicant fails to comply with the conditions in paragraph 3 above during the validity period of this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the Licensing Board may consider cancelling this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” and determine the above whole set of applications immediately. If, at the time when the Licensing Board makes its decision, the Applicant still fails to comply with all the requirements for the licence application submitted together with this TSOL application, the Licensing Board may refuse the above whole set of applications. Under such circumstances, the Columbarium will have to cease operation and dispose of the ashes interred in the Columbarium in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

5. During the 3-year validity period, the Applicant should take all necessary steps with reasonable expedition according to the action plan including the timetable (as submitted by the Applicant to comply with the TSOL application requirements and accepted by the Licensing Board) to achieve compliance with all the requirements for the licence application submitted together with this TSOL application. The Applicant must submit the relevant supporting documents and information to the Licensing Board (c/o the Private Columbaria Affairs Office) as soon as practicable.

6. At present, the Licensing Board has not determined the above TSOL application. During the validity period of this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the Columbarium is still in the grace period. If the Applicant has complied with all the requirements for the above

licence application during the validity period of this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the Licensing Board will consider the licence application directly and hold an open meeting to consider the application. The Licensing Board should give regard to the public interest and may take into account any other relevant considerations when determining applications for specified instruments.

7. Giving this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” does not mean that the licence application in respect of the Columbarium will be approved by the Licensing Board eventually. The vetting of Ching To Yuen’s licence application is still underway. The giving of this extension of “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” does not imply that the Licensing Board has accepted and/or approved the licence application submitted together with this TSOL application.

8. According to section 15(7) of the Ordinance, a TSOL may not be extended more than once (i.e. 6 years in total), unless exceptional circumstances exist. With reference to this requirement, the 3-year validity period of an “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” will normally be extended only once (i.e. 6 years in total). Therefore, if, by the time the validity period of this extension of “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” is about to expire, the Applicant still fails to comply with all the requirements for the licence application submitted together with this TSOL application, the Licensing Board will determine the whole set of applications and may refuse the whole set of applications. Under such circumstances, the Columbarium will have to cease operation and dispose of the ashes interred in the Columbarium in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

9. If you have any enquiries, please contact the case manager, Ms LAM Wing-yi by phone (Tel: 2350 796) or by email (pc_app@fehd.gov.hk).

Yours sincerely,



(Ms LAU Wing-yin, Venus)

for Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene