

EXHUMATION EXERCISE FOR GRAVES AFFECTED BY THE DOWNTOWN LINE DEPOT DEVELOPMENT

A. To check for the list of deceased, members of the public can log on to the website at <http://www.lta.gov.sg/projects/kwonghousua/index.htm>.

- The website will be available from 26 February 2008
- The list of names of the deceased which can be discerned from the tombstones of the affected graves are available on the website. This list is not comprehensive and does not contain the names of deceased where the deceased's full name cannot be discerned from the tombstone.

B. Next-of-kin/ descendants are encouraged to register by 15 October 2008 to claim their ancestor's remains via one of the following methods:

1. Online registration at: <http://www.lta.gov.sg/projects/kwonghousua/index.htm>

[Registration is open from 26 February 2008]

2. Fax and post, enclosed

with registration form to:

Land Transport Authority
Survey and Lands Division
1 Hampshire Road
Block 5 Level 2
Singapore 219428
Fax : 6396 1136

3. In-person at:

Land Transport Authority
Survey and Lands Division
1 Hampshire Road
Block 5 Level 2
Singapore 219428

Mondays – Fridays *: 8.30am - 5pm
(*except on public holidays)

Saturdays: 9am - 12noon

C. For enquiries, members of the public can contact the Land Transport Authority (LTA) via:

- LTA Hotline at 1800-call LTA (1800-2255 582)
- Email to feedback@lta.gov.sg

D. Exhumation Procedure:

The exhumation exercise is scheduled to commence in mid-October 2008.

LTA will undertake the following services:

- Each grave will be exhumed individually under the supervision of a Government Officer.
- All exhumed remains will be cremated individually. Ashes will be placed in an urn and kept in a niche at a Government crematorium and columbarium.
- Next-of-kin/ descendants can request for a marble plaque to be installed over the niche, inscribed with the deceased's name as well as date of death, upon provision of these information to LTA.

LTA will absorb the charges for the abovesaid services.

LTA will inform next-of-kin/ descendants who have registered a claim of the scheduled date of the exhumation.

Next-of-kin/ descendants are required to be present to witness the exhumation. If they are unable to be present, they should inform LTA of alternative arrangements. A representative(s) may be appointed to be present to witness the exhumation. They can also opt to keep the ashes of the cremated remains at a private crematorium and columbarium at their own cost.

Next-of-kin/descendants who wish to re-inter their ancestors' remains outside of Singapore may apply for a Coffin Permit for exportation from the Port Health Office located at:

Port Health Office
National Environment Agency
Central Regional Office
4545 Jalan Bukit Merah
Singapore 159466
Tel: 6222 2585
Fax: 6222 8543

[The permit fee payable to the Port Health Office is \$10.00. A Coffin Permit is not required for the export of cremated remains out of Singapore.]

Affected graves which are not claimed by 15 October 2008 will be exhumed in accordance with Government practice for unclaimed graves and the remains cremated individually. The ashes will be kept by LTA and thereafter scattered at sea if they remain unclaimed within three years after the date of the exhumation.

E. Private Exhumation

Next-of-kin/descendants who prefer to engage their own contractors to exhume their ancestors' graves can opt to do so by:

- Registering the claim of their ancestors' graves with LTA by 15 October 2008. Private exhumations must be conducted by October 2008. LTA will arrange with next-of-kin/descendants on the date of exhumation within this period. Requests for change of the scheduled dates for exhumation may be considered subject to the availability of a Government crematorium and columbarium.
- Being present with their contractor on the date of the exhumation. Both exhumation and cremation will be carried out on the same day. The cost of cremation at a Government crematorium and columbarium will be borne by LTA.
- Provide an urn for the cremated remains and a marble plaque for sealing of the niche. Next-of-kin/descendants also need to arrange for the inscription of their ancestors' particulars on the plaque. They could make arrangements with the exhumation contractor to provide these items and services. All cremated remains will be allocated a niche free-of-charge at a Government crematorium and columbarium.

Next-of-kin and claimants can also opt to keep the ashes of the cremated remains at an alternative venue of their choice at their own cost.

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