

# **Technical Visit to Green Burial Memorial Garden at Tsang Tsui**

***By Ir LAM Chi Sing***

A technical visit to Green Burial Memorial Garden (Garden of Remembrance - GoR) at Tsang Tsui was conducted on 7 January 2023. This technical visit was co-organized with HKIE Materials Division and Associate Members Committee. Upon arrival, the tranquil environment was very attractive and pleasant in terms of green environment and garden of remembrance at sea side.

The representative of the GoR briefed that the Tsang Tsui Columbarium has commissioned since 2020 under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) management. The GoR is located inside the Columbarium for handling cremated ashes to save our scarce land resources.

Tsang Tsui Columbarium and the GoR (both located at a rural and coastal area) are designed to embrace the natural environment and create a peaceful space. The GoR covers an area of 4800 square meters; it strives to integrate a variety of flowers and plants in a scenic with the natural environment features and memorial walls for mounting plaques in memory of the deceased.

The columbarium building consists of two curvilinear blocks that concave outwards; it is connected to the central foyers to serve as the gathering spaces and vertical circulation hub. The curvilinear corridors within the niches halls maximize the sea view for visitors to enjoy. The niches floors adopt balcony approach with provision of cross ventilation and natural lighting to the interior of the building through the atriums. The building project has been certified BEAM Plus Platinum with various green features, including vertical greenery and rainwater harvesting system.

Members of the public can perform memorial rituals, mount commemorative plaques and scatter the cremated ashes at the GoR. The design of building, garden and its related facilities is in a human centric and environmentally friendly style as to increase public awareness to adopt green burial.

After the brief, the participants were guided to visit the entire columbarium buildings and the GoR. The visit ended with question-and-answer session.



Group photo