

THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY FUND OF HONG KONG

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Honourable Justice A. R. Suffiad, S.B.S. Chairman The Islamic Union of Hong Kong Masjid Ammar & O.R.S. Islamic Centre, 40 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Dear Brother A. R. Suffiad,

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

NEW FEE TABLE FOR MUSLIM CEMETERIES

On behalf of the Trustees of the Incorporated Trustees of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong, I present our compliments and pray this letter finds you and all the members of the Islamic Union of Hong Kong in the best of health and highest Islamic spirits.

Please refer to the appeals made by the Trust to the Muslim Community of Hong Kong informing about the shortage of graves and the new development work started in Chai Wan Muslim Cemetery to create 230 new grave spaces. At present the available graves in Chai Wan Muslim Cemetery have been consumed and new graves are urgently required. The estimated total cost of the project is around HK\$15,000,000 (Fifteen Million Hong Kong Dollars) including the cost of making Pre-Dug graves with each grave costing around HK\$65,000 (Sixty Five Thousand Hong Kong Dollars).

You are aware that the entire responsibility for the maintenance and development of the Muslim Cemeteries in Happy Valley and Chai Wan, rests with the Trust. BOT has to spend a lot of funds to manage and maintain the Muslim Cemeteries with the donations received from the local Muslim Community. Please note that BOT does not receive funding from the Government or any other organization either locally or from overseas.

BOT has been providing burial services and burial spaces (graves) to the Muslim Community at a subsidized rate which is much less than the new cost of one grave/burial lot i.e. HK\$65,000. Please also note that our last fee revision was done in 2008 and since then many of the costs including repair, maintenance, labour and general running costs for the Muslim Cemeteries have gone up. In order to relieve the financial burden of managing the Muslim Cemeteries on BOT and provide uninterrupted Janazah and Burial services BOT had no other option but to take the difficult decision to revise the Cemeteries Fee Table.

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BOT submitted an application of Fee Revision to the Government of Hong Kong around 3 years ago along with supplementary information and clarifications. BOT communicated with the concerned department during the last several months and answered a lot of questions. Alhamdulillah the application was accepted and Hong Kong Government Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) approved the enclosed New Table of Fees for Muslim Cemeteries with effective from 12th October 2021.

We request your kind help to inform community members about the New Table of Fees which will be implemented from 1st December 2021.

We look forward to, as you have always done, for your continuous financial and other support to works done by the Trust.

May Allah Almighty bless the Islamic Union of Hong Kong and all its members with happiness, peace & prosperity. Aameen.

Wassalam & regards,

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