

Voice over script (English)

Returning to Nature What Nature Creates Green Burial for the Future

Mom: “Boy, be careful!”

Dad: “Don’t run around!”

Mom & Dad: “Oh!”

Dad: “Be careful!”

Boy: “Wow! Oh! Dad, what are they doing?”

Dad: “They are planting flowers, aren’t they Mom?”

Mom: “Ah...”

Grandpa: “Boy, they’ve come here to say goodbye to their loved one!” They are scattering the ashes of their deceased loved one, which will then become part of the soil to nurture new life, as a way to return to nature.”

Boy: “I thought they were to be buried under the ground in a wooden box?”

Dad: “Kids like to say whatever comes to mind.”

Grandma: “Nothing to worry about! It’s time to break the taboo. Come have a stroll around the Garden of Remembrance (GoR) with us! Boy, look how beautiful it is here! There is even a plaque wall for families to put up engraved memorial plaques to pay tribute to their lost loved ones.”

Grandpa: “Don’t put me in a box when it’s my time to go. Just scatter my ashes in one of the GoRs to create a nourishing environment for new life. As time passes, you can sit beneath the shade of these beautiful trees and remember how dashing and vibrant I once was. Ha-ha!”

Boy: “Trees? I thought you liked flowers. There are flowers in every ‘meme’ you share with us.”

Grandpa: “Flowers are good too. By providing nectar for honey bees, I could continue to nurture life for generations to come, just like how I raised your father and now it’s his turn to raise you...”

Grandma: “Flowers?! There are 12 GoRs in Hong Kong. Make sure to pick the one you like!”

Mom: “Where did you learn all of this?”

Grandma: “We have been checking out different GoRs, but we still haven’t made up our minds yet because there are so many to choose from. On top of having a view and being easy to visit, your father-in-law also prefers somewhere with a plaque wall where you can put up our memorial plaques.”

Dad: “Dad, I didn’t know you...”

Grandpa: “Come on! I want to ensure everything is well prepared for when the time comes. That’s what your mom loves about me.”

Grandma: “Don’t say that!”

Mom: “We haven’t been taking the ferry ride for a long time!”

Boy: “Ah! Grandpa! But if you become a tree, I’m afraid you will get knocked down by strong winds during the typhoon season!”

Grandma: “Ha-ha! He meant you would still be a bit wobbly on your feet even as a tree!”

Grandpa: “It doesn’t have to be a tree. I’m a good swimmer. You can scatter my ashes at sea so that I can travel the world forever! And you will think of me every time you marvel at the vast ocean!”

Mom: “Boy, your grandpa was referring to the scattering of cremated ashes in one of the three designated areas in Hong Kong waters. The FEHD provides free ferry service to the designated areas for the public to scatter cremated ashes.”

Boy: “Scattering ashes at sea?”

Grandma: “Yes. Just think of it as a water slide at the pool. Your dad will give us a final push, and then we will be on our way to the boundless sea. And we can finally enjoy the thrill of swimming with dolphins!”

Grandpa: “I’m too cool for that. I’m sure I will be a great white shark!”

Boy: “You’ve been watching too many cartoons, haven’t you?!”

Dad: “Dad! You’ve never told me you wanted green burial.”

Grandma: “Like father, like son. You both are too embarrassed to speak your mind. He has done all the research, but doesn’t know how to register his wishes for green burial!”

Dad: “It’s easy! Just visit the Green Burial website and sign up at the Green Burial Central Register (GBCR). All you need to do is fill in your personal particulars. You can even do it on your smartphone!”

Boy: “I know how to use it, let me! Look! Just fill in your information here. Let me help you now.”

Grandpa: “Such a smart boy! Be scattering ashes at GoRs or at Sea, planning ahead and registering your wishes for green burial can really give you peace of mind and make life easier for the family!”

Dad: “Yes, Dad. The FEHD has also launched an Internet Memorial Service (IMS) mobile app for the public to pay tribute and show condolences to their lost loved ones at any time and from anywhere!”

Grandpa: “You can create a memorial webpage for me and your mom when it’s our time to go, as an additional means for you to remember us every day!”

Return to Nature after Life Green Burial --- New Trend of After - Death Arrangement