

**UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University**  
**Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)**  
**Daily English Practice**

Week 7

## **#35 Hong Kong Is Running Out Of Space To Bury Its Dead**

**Skills/ Objectives: Listening and Speaking**

### **PART 1: Before you watch...**

#### **Preparatory questions**

1. What are some of the burial customs in Hong Kong?

#### **Vocabulary**

1. Cremate (verb): a burn a dead person's body
2. Bargain (noun): something sold for a price that is lower than the usual price
3. Alleviate (verb): to make problems less severe
4. Temporary (adjective): not lasting
5. Remembrance (noun): the act of remembering someone who is dead to show respect
6. Columbarium (noun): a building with spaces for placing urns containing the ashes of dead people

### **PART 2: Article**

This video reports on the problems of after-death arrangements in Hong Kong.

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KepeRLQ\\_G1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KepeRLQ_G1A) (4:40 minutes)

(Source: VICE News)

### **PART 3: Let's discuss!**

1. According to the video, regarding after-death arrangements, what situations are Hong Kong facing now?
2. What can the government do to alleviate the problem?

### **PART 4: Speaking**

In this video, Rachel teaches how to pronounce numbers in English:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fkrGZHn3JA> (7 minutes)

## **PART 5: Learn further**

### **1. Why dying in Hong Kong is getting more complicated ... and expensive**

This article explores the reasons why it is more difficult for people in Hong Kong to look for a burial space.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/education-community/article/2102544/why-dying-hong-kong-getting-more-complicated-and>

### **2. Green burial**

The government website introduces green burial in Hong Kong.

<https://www.greenburial.gov.hk/en/intro/index.html>

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