Funerary Facilities in Hong Kong
site selection for the first "cemetery-park" in urban areas
reclaimed land in metropolitan area since 1996
accessible green
in Kai Tak

walking distance from residential
(in diameter)

500m

1000m

1500m
proposed sports complex
ZCB zero carbon building
proposed Metro Park
Kwun Tong Promenade
Kai Tak Cruise Terminal
Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre
Telford shopping centre
apm (shopping centre)
Megabox (shopping centre)
disconnected waterfront promenade

landmarks in neighbouring districts

disconnections
site within a network of landmarks

synergy bringing liveliness
Pier promenade cafe bridge of remembrance tree burial forest and lawn garden entrance plaza portal.

Frangipani pond promenade pier tree burial forest and lawn loss chaotic noisy symbol of hope peaceful soothing landscape dialogue interactions escape remember | reflection embrace sadness solace | private honour the death directional reduce confusion mark a passing...

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After some decades, my grandchildren will still know about how life was in the good old days from these projections.

What a nice promenade walk!

What a busy city... so much noise and chaos...

Some of the epitaphs are beautiful stories of the departed...

Goodbye Dad...

Yes. Nice to return to nature.

Yes. There's quite a fresh breeze today.

Um, shall we sit down over there for a while?

Yea... It's always rainy in Ching Ming Festival... Spring shower in the grave sweeping festival...

I don't know... Maybe it's good to lie down here... together with other people.

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SEA BURIAL
Ferries take mourners to the outskirts of Hong Kong, where the cremated ashes are scattered at designated seas.

BRIDGE OF REMEMBRANCE
Gravestones are made from transparent plates with epitaph engraved in paint. Strong overhead sunlight in Hong Kong will occasionally project the epitaph onto the ground.

Let's get some flowers for Dad. He may like this chrysanthemum...

Goodbye Dad!

You'll be missed...

So this is where father's ashes will stay.

What a nice view on the hillock!

It's a cemetery over there! Let's walk another route.

Let's walk along the promenade. Which way do you want to go, ground or up on the bridge?

Oh what a sudden rain! Good to have a shelter here.

What do you prefer, sit under tree shade or lie down, or keep walking?

I couldn't imagine we can bring our dog to a "cemetery".

How do you find this park? I told you it doesn't look like a cemetery. See?

Yes, it's just like a park. Any park. No scary dark corners, unlike traditional columbariums...

Hey why do we make a turn here?

Yeah :) No need to jog between industrial buildings.

Hey do you know that is both a cemetery and a park?

No no... it looks purely like a park. Don't panic.

Nevermind. Let's sit down for a cup of tea or coffee.

Yes... a typical example of multi-purpose use in this tiny city!

Really?!

Not scary? um... ok, let's have a look.

Oh... We are late. The water taxi has left!

Finally we have a continuous promenade!

Did you bring packed lunch today? Fancy a "picnic" in the cemetery-park? Haha. Why not?

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