

Trend of graveyard development in Beijing City

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An urban spatial expansion by the residential house and industrial development is active in Beijing City advanced by economic growth and a population increase. And, the city has a lot of graveyard development for the dead by using the farmland and the forest in a few decades. In a word, the area of land used for the dead in addition to the land for the population of this world has increased in Beijing City.

The graveyard as the place in which it holds a funeral for the dead strongly reflects people's sense of values. The sense of values is strongly related to the religion and the culture in the region and the country. Therefore, the mode of the graveyard and the usage condition of land are different according to the country and the region. The Feng Shui thought has traditionally influenced the location of the graveyard, and the thought was displaced as a superstition as the socialist state in the latter half of the 20th century in China, but it is said that it influences again with the rise in richness.

As a result, the control of the expansion and maintenance of the graveyard area becomes a serious problem as part of the management of the land resource for the increase in the demand for the citizens who request a better graveyard. The present study aims to clarify the formation mechanism and the sustainability of "Land use for the dead" indispensable for the human race by understanding the area of land of the graveyard, the form of the burial and relating social and cultural factors.

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