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BURNING OF JOSS PAPER

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This year, the month long Hungry Ghost or Seventh Month Festival celebrations will commence on 19 Aug 2001. During this period, joss paper and other paper offerings are usually burnt by devotees for their deities and loved ones who had passed away.

2 For this year's Hungry Ghost Festival, the Ministry of the Environment together with several Town Councils (TC) and the Taoist Mission (Singapore) have worked together to introduce a new burner cover to reduce the problem of fly ash from the burning of joss paper. The burner cover is designed to fit onto the existing joss paper burner used by the TCs. The cover is effective in preventing fly ash from escaping from the burners and at the same time allows air to flow through the cover to ensure that the joss paper is completely burnt.

3 The Ministry has fabricated 150 such covers and distributed them to several town councils for trial use in their estates during the month long Hungry Ghost Festival this August. The Ministry would like to urge residents in estates provided with the new design burners to make use of them.

4 The Ministry has also designed and fabricated five large joss burners for use at wayang sites. These burners will be loaned to organizers for use at their wayang sites.

5 The Ministry would also like to take this opportunity to remind the public not to burn joss paper indiscriminately on public walkways, drain gratings and grass verges as this will dirty and damage the common properties.

6 Those living in Town Council estates are advised to use the joss burners provided by their Town Councils, which are placed at strategic locations within the estates. For those living in private estates, they are encouraged to use their own containers to burn joss paper so as not to create smoke and fly-ash problems in their neighbourhood.

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New Joss Burner Cover



Hopper in Open Position



Large Joss Paper Burner For Use At Wayang Sites

Burner with drawing feature



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