MODIFIED AUTOMOBILE FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES RELATING TO DEAD PERSON: CASES FROM THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

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KEY WORDS: Dead, Person, Automobile, Modification.

INTRODUCTION

Automobile is an important kind of vehicle widely used in the present day. Presently, the main role of automobile is for transportation of person from one to another place. The function of general automobile is carrying. Human, animals and things might be carried and transferred via transportation route with automobile.

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SPECIFIC AUTOMOBILE DESIGNED FOR CARRYING COFFIN CONTAINING DEAD PERSON TO FUNERATION CEREMONY

The specific automobile designed for carrying coffin containing dead person to funeral ceremony is seen in Thailand. This is a modification from a simple local built small truck for agricultural work in the farm [1]. The modification is aiming at serving the carrying coffin containing dead person to funeral site. During the process, the coffin will be circularly moved around the funeral building as ceremony. The important modifications are a) the decoration with the specific artisan work to make the automobile look like a chariot and b) the use of automatic steering wheel to help simplify the circularly moving.

SPECIFIC AUTOMOBILE DESIGNED TO SERVE ROAD TRANSPORTATION OF COFFIN CONTAINING DEAD PERSON TO BURIAL SITE

The specific automobile designed to serve road transportation of coffin containing dead person to burial site is another interesting modification.

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This kind of automobile is designed to serve specific Chinese ethnic group in Thailand who believe in Chinese traditional burial ceremony. After a specific period of religious praying, the dead person in the coffin will be carried and transported to a specific burial site. The burial site is usually at a remote area with beautiful and plenty of lucky landmarks. To carry the coffin containing dead person must require specific vehicle. The specific automobile designed to serve road transportation of coffin containing dead person to burial site is specifically designed to serve this purpose. In general, this kind of automobile is usually a big van or bus. It must serve for both carrying of dead person and his/her relatives to final burial ceremony at burial site. There are some specific beliefs regarding the transportation process. In brief, after departure, there will not be any return until the automobile reach the burial site. During transportation, the relative must burn incineration stick aiming at giving the light to spirit of the dead person. Therefore, the modifications of the bus or van have to be done. The important modifications are a) the back door as a specific entrance for the coffin. The relatives must use side doors of the automobile and b) the chimney system as a hood to control the smoke from burnt incineration during transportation to the burial site.

**DISCUSSION**

The modification of an automobile to serve a specific purpose is usually interesting. The modification is usually locally performed. The designing is usually by local people. To serve the religious ceremony purpose, the specific design for modification of the automobile is usually aimed at function and beauty. In this article, the authors show interesting case studies from Thailand regarding modified automobile for specific activities relating to dead person. In brief, the management of dead body requires good and gentle management. Any processes relating to dead body of dead person must be prepared and well performed [2].

This kind of modification really exists but it is little mentioned in the literature. Many modified automobile to serve this specific purpose are sold in Thailand and the local construction and repairing service is also available. The control of this kind of vehicle is not strict and it is the issue for further studying on both engineering and legal control for qualified modification.
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