

《日本催生“遗体旅馆”》

伴随着日本人口老龄化，每年死亡人数渐增，而火葬场供不应求，以至于不少死者遗体来不及火化。瞄准这一需求，日本川崎市商人竹菱寿夫（音译）2014年开办了一家“遗体旅馆”，用于暂时在普通客房内存放等待火化的遗体，眼下生意相当红火。



Tucked away in a quiet residential street in Kawasaki city in Japan is a refurbished workshop with a plain silver exterior and black draped windows that residents describe as creepy.

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The business inside, Sousou, is one of Japan's latest so-called corpse hotels, a camouflaged morgue used to store some of Japan's mounting pile of bodies waiting for a spot in one of the nation's overworked crematoriums.

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At a daily rate of 9,000 yen (\$82) family members can keep their deceased relative in one of Sousou's 10 rooms for up to four days until a crematorium can be found.

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Unlike other such morgues-in-disguise, which try to blend in by looking like hotels, Sousou doesn't refrigerate corpses, relying on air conditioned rooms instead.

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As Japan ages its people are dying off at a faster pace.

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