11 building plans approved in October

The Buildings Department approved 11 building plans in October, with two on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, three were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, two were for factory and industrial developments, and three were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 11 building projects which, when completed, will provide 10 280 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 160 units, and 82 316 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for five building projects.

The department also issued 14 occupation permits, with two on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 207 034 sq m involving 3 715 units, and 37 190 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in October totalled about \$21.3 billion.

In addition, four demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 603 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in October and issued 809 removal orders on UBWs.

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