

13 building plans approved in April

The Buildings Department approved 13 building plans in April, with five on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and four in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, six were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, one was for factory and industrial development, and three were for community services development.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 12 building projects which, when completed, will provide 265 603 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 5 938 units, and 61 393 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for six building projects.

The department also issued 18 occupation permits, with five on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and nine in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 28 263 sq m involving 727 units, and 103 518 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in April totalled about \$5.3 billion.

In addition, eight demolition consents involving eight building structures were issued.

The department received 3 113 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in April and issued 721 removal orders on UBWs.

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