

14 building plans approved in August

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in August, with four on Hong Kong Island, six in Kowloon and four in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, eight were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, two were for commercial developments, and four were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 10 building projects which, when completed, will provide 64 505 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 502 units, and 38 346 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for three building projects.

The department also issued 15 occupation permits, with two on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 69 576 sq m involving 2 319 units, and 18 417 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in August totalled about \$3.3 billion.

In addition, four demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 409 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in August and issued 702 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for August can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage (www.bd.gov.hk).