

## 14 building plans approved in May

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in May, with five on Hong Kong Island, two in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, nine were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, one was for factory and industrial developments, and four were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 23 408 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 621 units, and 79 100 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for eight building projects.

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

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 53 684 sq m involving 409 units, and 65 153 sq m was for non-domestic use.

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

In addition, six demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 925 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in May and issued 589 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for May can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage ([www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).