

15 building plans approved in March

The Buildings Department approved 15 building plans in March, with four on Hong Kong Island, two in Kowloon and nine in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on six building projects which, when completed, will provide 57 290 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 070 units, and 24 103 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for four building projects.

The department also issued 23 occupation permits, with eight on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and 11 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 185 842 sq m involving 2 829 units, and 138 997 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in March totalled about \$15 billion.

In addition, 11 demolition consents involving 11 building structures were issued.

The department received 2 256 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in March and issued 987 removal orders on UBWs.

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