

## 20 building plans approved in January

The Buildings Department approved 20 building plans in January, with eight on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and five in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 13 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, four were for commercial developments, and three 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 5 849 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 276 units, and 60 361 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 20 occupation permits, with four on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 223 092 sq m involving 4 623 units, and 99 833 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in January totalled about \$17.8 billion.

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

The department received 2 724 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in January and issued 546 removal orders on UBWs.

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