

## 22 building plans approved in August

The Buildings Department approved 22 building plans in August, with eight on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, nine were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, five were for commercial developments, one was for factory and industrial developments, and seven 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 33 231 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 424 units, and 157 180 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 16 occupation permits, with three on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 29 000 sq m involving 309 units, and 228 882 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in August totalled about \$16.8 billion.

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

The department received 3 021 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in August and issued 821 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](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).