

Eight building plans approved in May

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

Of the approved plans, five were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, two were for commercial developments, and one was for community services development.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 13 building projects which, when completed, will provide 156 701 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 4 521 units, and 49 257 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for 12 building projects.

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

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 8 905 sq m involving 282 units, and 27 083 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in May totalled about \$1 billion.

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

The department received 2 528 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in May and issued 914 removal orders on UBWs.

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