<u>Eighteen building plans approved in</u> June

The Buildings Department approved 18 building plans in June, with five on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, five were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, four were for commercial developments, four were for factory and industrial developments, and five 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 154 163 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 3 646 units, and 21 058 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for nine building projects.

The department also issued 19 occupation permits, with nine on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 65 786 sq m involving 1 170 units, and 43 996 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in June totalled about \$3.6 billion.

In addition, 12 demolition consents involving 12 building structures were issued.

The department received 2 935 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in June and issued 1 060 removal orders on UBWs.

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