

[Eighteen building plans approved in March](#)

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

Of the approved plans, six were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, five were for commercial developments, one was for factory and industrial development, and six 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 15 546 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 381 units, and 92 088 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for eight building projects.

The department also issued 25 occupation permits, with three on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and 15 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 86 557 sq m involving 1 413 units, and 115 409 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in March totalled about \$7.7 billion.

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

The department received 1 832 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in March and issued 295 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for March can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage (www.bd.gov.hk).