

Fifteen building plans approved in January

The Buildings Department approved 15 building plans in January, with two on Hong Kong Island, nine in Kowloon and four in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, nine were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, two were for commercial developments, one was for factory and industrial development, and three were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on eight building projects which, when completed, will provide 6 036 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving eight units, and 78 691 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for five building projects.

The department also issued 19 occupation permits, with five on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and 11 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 220 135 sq m involving 4 747 units, and 57 063 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in January totalled about \$10.6 billion.

In addition, 10 demolition consents involving 10 building structures were issued.

The department received 2 410 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in January and issued 1 431 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).