

Fifteen building plans approved in May

The Buildings Department approved 15 building plans in May, with five on Hong Kong Island, six in Kowloon and four in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, eight were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, two were for factory and industrial developments and two were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 11 building projects which, when completed, will provide 30 903 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 270 units, and 25 321 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for eight building projects.

The department also issued 16 occupation permits, with six on Hong Kong Island, two in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 185 471 sq m involving 2 717 units, and 52 155 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in May totalled about \$9.4 billion.

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

The department received 3 097 reports about unauthorised building works in May and issued 1 407 removal orders on unauthorised items.

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