

Fourteen building plans approved in April

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in April, with five on Hong Kong Island, five 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 developments, and two were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 126 856 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 165 units, and 55 065 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 15 occupation permits, with three on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 164 187 sq m involving 2 526 units, and 41 038 sq m was for non-domestic use.

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

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

The department received 2 182 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in April and issued 267 removal orders on UBWs.

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