## <u>Nine building plans approved in</u> November

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

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on six building projects which, when completed, will provide 18 938 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 363 units, and 52 301 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for one building project.

The department also issued 17 occupation permits, with two on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 238 110 sq m involving 4 141 units, and 53 441 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in November totalled about \$11.9 billion.

In addition, four demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 446 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in November and issued 517 removal orders on UBWs.

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