

## Thirteen building plans approved in April

The Buildings Department approved 13 building plans in April, with four on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and five in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, eight were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, four were for commercial developments and one was for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 150 327 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 031 units, and 83 045 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for nine building projects.

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

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 100 215 sq m involving 1 204 units, and 171 536 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in April totalled about \$12.8 billion.

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

The department received 2 621 reports about unauthorised building works in April and issued 652 removal orders on unauthorised items.

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