

Thirteen building plans approved in March

The Buildings Department approved 13 building plans in March, with two on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and three in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 14 building projects which, when completed, will provide 134 762 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 160 units, and 11 793 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for four building projects.

The department also issued 18 occupation permits, with two on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 39 108 sq m involving 771 units, and 59 794 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in March totalled about \$14.6 billion.

In addition, 14 demolition consents involving 14 building structures were issued.

The department received 1 304 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in March and issued 483 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for March can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage (www.bd.gov.hk).