

Thirteen building plans approved in September

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

Of the approved plans, seven were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, four were for commercial 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 20 799 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 692 units, and 12 912 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for five building projects.

The department also issued 18 occupation permits, with eight 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 112 010 sq m involving 1 095 units, and 145 284 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in September totalled about \$8.6 billion.

In addition, one demolition consent involving a building structure was issued.

The department received 2 285 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in September and issued 1 079 removal orders on UBWs.

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