

## Twenty-seven building plans approved in February

The Buildings Department approved 27 building plans in February, with nine on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and 11 in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 11 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, six were for commercial developments, two were for factory and industrial developments, and eight were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 13 building projects which, when completed, will provide 139 959 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 357 units, and 60 933 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for six building projects.

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

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 3 820 sq m involving 118 units, and 177 703 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in February totalled about \$5.9 billion.

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

The department received 1 923 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in February and issued 964 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for February can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage ([www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).