

Twenty-three building plans approved in August

The Buildings Department approved 23 building plans in August, with six on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and 12 in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 11 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, eight were for commercial developments, one was 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 79 934 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 017 units, and 93 433 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for eight building projects.

The department also issued 23 occupation permits, with ten on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and nine in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 117 894 sq m involving 2 414 units, and 104 003 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in August totalled about \$7.2 billion.

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

The department received 2 863 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in August and issued 1 155 removal orders on UBWs.

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