

## Twenty-three building plans approved in December

The Buildings Department approved 23 building plans in December, with six on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and nine in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on eight building projects which, when completed, will provide 18 142 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 105 units, and 19 318 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for four building projects.

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

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 273 524 sq m involving 5 281 units, and 50 689 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in December totalled about \$13.8 billion.

In addition, 11 demolition consents involving eleven building structures were issued.

The department received 2 192 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in December and issued 2 125 removal orders on UBWs.

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