## <u>Twenty-three building plans approved</u> in November

The Buildings Department approved 23 building plans in November, with six on Hong Kong Island, 11 in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 12 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, one was 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 12 building projects which, when completed, will provide 110 824 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 427 units, and 53 434 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for 12 building projects.

The department also issued 22 occupation permits, with seven on Hong Kong Island, six in Kowloon and nine in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 290 163 sq m involving 4 392 units, and 32 752 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in November totalled about \$15.4 billion.

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

The department received 2 943 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in November and issued 1 498 removal orders on UBWs.

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