

## Twenty-two building plans approved in August

The Buildings Department approved 22 building plans in August, with seven on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 10 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, five were for factory and industrial developments, and four 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 134 266 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 119 units, and 160 783 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for four building projects.

The department also issued 13 occupation permits, with five on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and five in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 6 396 sq m involving 205 units, and 22 655 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in August totalled about \$1.2 billion.

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

The department received 3 328 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in August and issued 1 072 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](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).