

## Twenty-two building plans approved in March

The Buildings Department approved 22 building plans in March, with 10 on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, 12 were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, two were for factory and industrial developments, and five were for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 11 building projects which, when completed, will provide 147 096 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 659 units, and 45 550 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for 11 building projects.

The department also issued 25 occupation permits, with nine on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and 13 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 111 690 sq m involving 1 964 units, and 99 270 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in March totalled about \$6.9 billion.

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

The department received 3 135 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in March and issued 1 113 removal orders on UBWs.

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