

## 14 building plans approved in January

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in January, with five on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on five building projects which, when completed, will provide 25 433 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 26 units, and 206 432 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for three building projects.

The department also issued 16 occupation permits, with four on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 85 225 sq m involving 1 886 units, and 23 398 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in January totalled about \$8.1 billion.

In addition, six demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 551 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in January and issued 422 removal orders on UBWs.

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