

Nineteen building plans approved in July

The Buildings Department approved 19 building plans in July, with four on Hong Kong Island, nine in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, seven were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, five 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 15 building projects which, when completed, will provide 71 595 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 284 units, and 84 763 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for 10 building projects.

The department also issued 17 occupation permits, with six on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and eight in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 10 213 sq m involving 172 units, and 5 507 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in July totalled about \$3.8 billion.

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

The department received 2 886 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in July and issued 520 removal orders on UBWs.

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