

Nineteen building plans approved in May

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

Of the approved plans, nine were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, three 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 14 building projects which, when completed, will provide 353 428 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 7 372 units, and 9 952 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 18 occupation permits, with seven 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 200 754 sq m involving 3 754 units, and 112 708 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in May totalled about \$12.1 billion.

In addition, 10 demolition consents involving 10 building structures were issued.

The department received 3 783 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in May and issued 656 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for May can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage (www.bd.gov.hk).