

## Seventeen building plans approved in December

The Buildings Department approved 17 building plans in December, with four on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, eight were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, three were for commercial developments, two 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 66 578 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 872 units, and 30 853 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for eight building projects.

The department also issued 22 occupation permits, with five on Hong Kong Island, 11 in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 54 184 sq m involving 1 048 units, and 99 240 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in December totalled about \$4.3 billion.

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

The department received 2 630 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in December and issued 448 removal orders on UBWs.

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