

Seventeen building plans approved in September

The Buildings Department approved 17 building plans in September, with six on Hong Kong Island, one in Kowloon and 10 in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 12 building projects which, when completed, will provide 180 439 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 3 129 units, and 23 933 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for six building projects.

The department also issued 24 occupation permits, with six on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and 11 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 28 016 sq m involving 603 units, and 41 871 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in September totalled about \$4.1 billion.

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

The department received 3 557 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in September and issued 1 121 removal orders on UBWs.

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