

## **14 building plans approved in May**

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in May, with five on Hong Kong Island, two in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 23 408 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 621 units, and 79 100 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 14 occupation permits, with three on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 53 684 sq m involving 409 units, and 65 153 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in May totalled about \$5.3 billion.

In addition, six demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 925 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in May and issued 589 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](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).

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## **Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool temporarily closed**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 24) that Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool in Central and Western

District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

It will be reopened at 6pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

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## **Red flag hoisted at Pui O Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 24) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **Auctions of traditional vehicle registration marks to be held on August 10 and 11**

The Transport Department (TD) today (July 24) announced that two auctions of traditional vehicle registration marks will be held on August 10 (Saturday) and 11 (Sunday) in Meeting Room N201, L2, New Wing, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 350 vehicle registration marks will be put up for public sale at each auction. The lists of marks have been uploaded to the department's website, [www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/index.html)," a department spokesman said.

Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$1,000 to reserve a mark for auction should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price of \$1,000). Otherwise, the mark concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

(1) Successful bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after the successful bidding:

(i) the identity document of the successful bidder;

(ii) the identity document of the purchaser if it is different from the successful bidder;

(iii) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation if the purchaser is a body corporate; and

(iv) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". (For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed.)

Successful bidders can also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS). Payment by post-dated cheques, cash or other methods will not be accepted.

(2) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of Registration Mark immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted.

(3) A vehicle registration mark can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(4) Special registration marks are non-transferable. Where the ownership of a motor vehicle with a special registration mark is transferred, the allocation of the special registration mark shall be cancelled.

(5) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the registration mark to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the registration mark within 12 months, allocation of the mark will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of Traditional Vehicle Registration Marks, which can be downloaded from the department's website,

[www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/tvrm\\_auction/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/tvrm_auction/index.html).

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## Postal services to United Kingdom subject to delay

â€‹Hongkong Post announced today (July 24) that, as advised by the postal administration of the United Kingdom, due to the impact of the recent information technology outage incident, mail delivery services to the United Kingdom are subject to delay.