<u>Twenty-one building plans approved in</u> June

The Buildings Department approved 21 building plans in June, with seven on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and 10 in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on six building projects which, when completed, will provide 13 454 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 97 units, and 26 723 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 19 occupation permits, with seven on Hong Kong Island, seven in Kowloon and five in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 124 793 sq m involving 1 871 units, and 126 401 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in June totalled about \$11 billion.

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

The department received 2 911 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in June and issued 1 439 removal orders on UBWs.

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