

In the Taiwan-Fukien Area, a total of 34,468 building construction licenses were issued in 2003, which amounted to a total floor area of 28,356,000 square meters, representing an increase of 36.3% and 22.9% respectively as compared with year 2002.

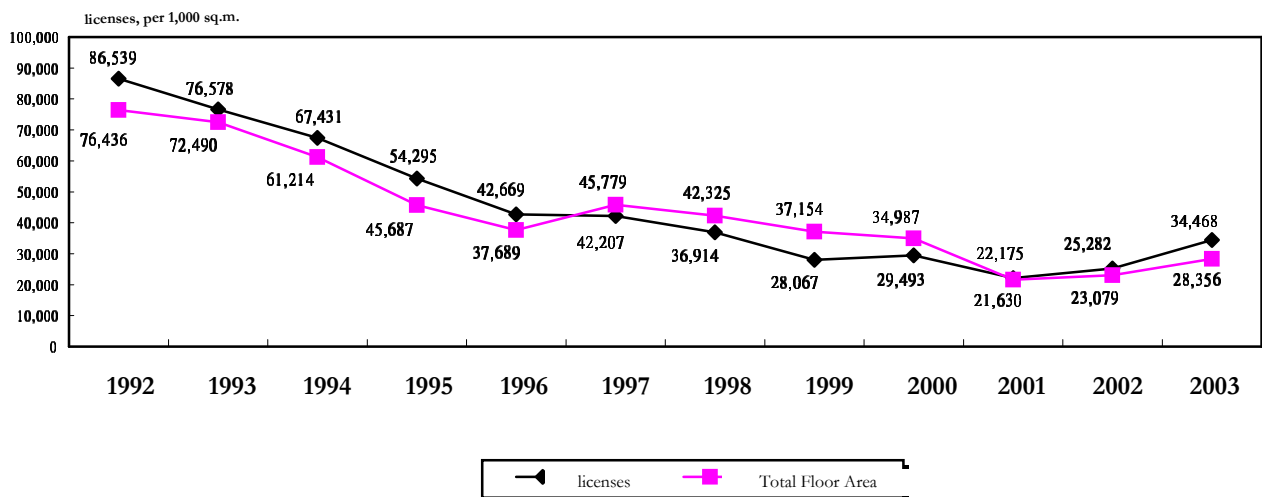
#### A. Distribution by use category:

1. License issuing percentage: Residential buildings topped all other categories with a land area of 11,961,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 42.2% of the total. Shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) ranked the second with 4,078,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 14.4%. Manufacturing facilities came next with 2,846,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 10.0%. Schools took the fourth place with 2,006,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 7.1%. Office buildings came last with 1,696,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 6.0%.
2. Compared with 2002: Among the categories posting positive growth, residential buildings showed the highest marked increase (69.3%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (65.3%), and farmhouses (20.8%). Among categories with negative growth, the greatest declines were seen among hospital buildings (41.3%), office buildings (23.0%), and warehouses (22.2%).

#### B. Distribution by administrative division:

1. License issuing percentage: Kaohsiung City with licenses issued for a total area of 4,691,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 16.5%, ranked the top. Taoyuan County came second with a total area of 3,354,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 11.8%. Next on the list was Taipei County with a total area of 2,822,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 10.0%. Taipei City took the fourth place with a total area of 2,056,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 7.3%. Finally in the fifth place was Taichung City with a total area of 1,739,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 6.1%.

Construction License Issuance in the Taiwan-Fukien Area Over the Years



2. Compared with 2002: All told, 14 counties/cities posted positive growth whereas 11 experienced negative growth. The top three counties/cities posting positive growth were Nantou County (280.4%), Kaohsiung City (164.7%), and Taitung County (123.4%). The counties/cities registering the highest negative growth were Tainan County (33.0%), Taichung County (28.8%), and Taipei City (26.7%).

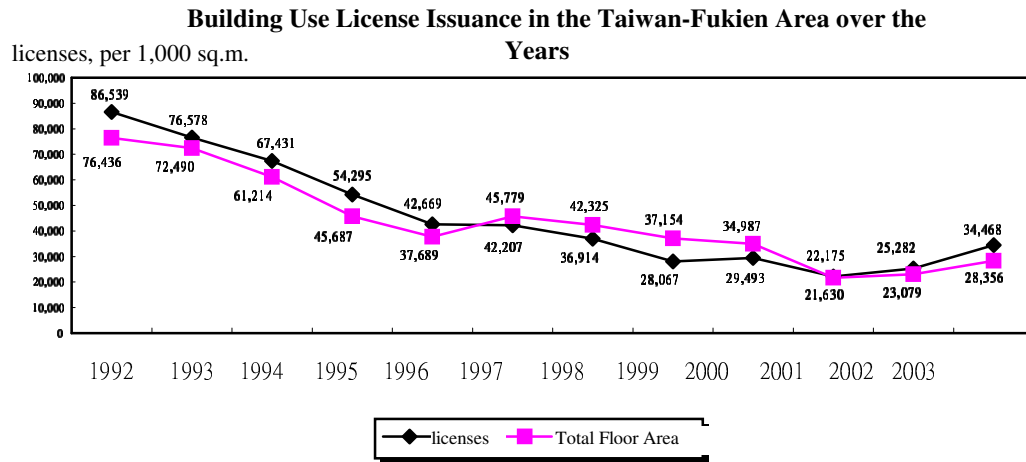
**II. In the Taiwan-Fukien Area, a total of 26,574 building use licenses were issued in 2003, which amounted to a total floor area of 26,465,000 square meters, representing an increase of 16.6% and 8.5% respectively and indicating the first sign of a rebound from the all-time low of 2002.**

**A. Distribution by use category:**

1. License issuing percentage: Residential buildings topped all other categories with a land area of 10,010,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 37.8% of the total. Shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) ranked the second with 4,363,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 16.5%. Manufacturing facilities came next with 2,865,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 10.8%.
2. Compared with 2002: Among the categories posting positive growth, residential buildings showed the highest marked increase (50.1%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (36.5%), and residential housing (26.4%). Among categories with negative growth, the greatest declines were seen among amusement parks (89.0%), hospital buildings (37.7%), and school buildings (21.9%).

**B. Distribution by administrative division:**

1. License issuing percentage: Taoyuan County with licenses issued for a total area of 4,834,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 18.3%, ranked the top. Taipei County came second with a total area of 3,121,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 11.8%. Next on the list was Taipei City with a total area of 2,867,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 10.8%. Kaohsiung City took the fourth place with a total area of 1,519,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 5.7%. Finally in the fifth place was Taichung County with a total area of 1,502,000m<sup>2</sup>, or 5.7%.
2. As compared with 2002: All told, 15 counties/cities saw positive growth whereas 10 experienced negative growth. The top three counties/cities posting positive growth were Chiayi City (111.0%), Pingtung County (71.4%), and Hsinchu City (62.1%). The counties/cities registering the highest negative growth were Nantou County (38.5%), Penghu County (36.8%), and Yunlin County (33.9%).



### III. Construction and Use License Issuance in 25 Counties/Cities

#### Taipei County

##### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 655, or an increase of 23.4% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 2,822,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 59.7% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (30.4%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (27.6%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (83.6%) and residential buildings (57.6%). The two categories that suffered the most decline or negative growth in terms of floor area were farmhouses (99.3%) and hospital buildings (93.6%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 5,862 units of residence covering a land area of 857,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 146.23m<sup>2</sup>, a drop of 11.7% from the previous year was noted.

##### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 574, which was a 2.5% increase over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 3,121,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 1.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (49.4%), followed by residential buildings (16.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (80.3%) and office

buildings (6.6%). The three categories that suffered the biggest drop or negative growth were hospitals (100.0%), manufacturing facilities (56.3%), and hotel buildings (35.0%).

3. Use Licenses for a total of 3,242 units of residential housing covering a total of 500,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 154.26m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 6.7% from the year before.

## **Ilan County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 987, or an increase of 99.0% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 493,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 59.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (32.2%), followed school buildings (18.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were hospital buildings (5,155.9%) and manufacturing facilities (225.0%). Negative growth was noted in only one category warehouses (47.4%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 856 units of residence covering a land area of 159,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 185.74m<sup>2</sup>, a drop of 6.5% from the previous year was noted.

### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 533, which was 3.8% less than the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 325,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 5.0% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (23.1%), followed by school buildings (18.9%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth were school buildings (202.7%) and manufacturing facilities (69.4%). The categories that suffered the biggest drop or negative growth were hospitals (100.0%) and warehouses (95.7%)
3. Use Licenses for a total of 405 units of residential housing covering a total of 75,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 185.38m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 4.0% from the year before.

## Taoyuan County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 2,622, or an increase of 44.9% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 3,354,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 5.7% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (47.7%) and manufacturing facilities (19.4%).
2. Compared with 2002, the three categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were residential buildings (90.9%), warehouses (64.4%) and farmhouses (23.5%). The two categories that suffered the most decline or negative growth in terms of floor area were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (52.2%) and hospital buildings (49.9%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 8,895 units of residence covering a land area of 1,599,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 179.81m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 2.7% over the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 2,072, which was 16.1% less than the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses amounted to 4,834,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 32.0% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (51.2%), followed by manufacturing facilities (16.7%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth were farmhouses (164.7%) and warehouses (127.6%). The only category that suffered a negative growth was amusement parks (100.0%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 16,383 units of residential housing covering a total of 2,475,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 151.05m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease by 7.8% from the year before.

## Hsinchu County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,476, or an increase of 41.7% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,451,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 62.3% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (46.8%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (22.3%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were office buildings (458.3%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (162.4%) and. The two categories that suffered the most decline or negative growth in terms of floor area were warehouses (97.0%) and manufacturing

facilities (5.8%)

3. Construction licenses for a total of 4,012 units of residence covering a land area of 679,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 169.22, a drop of 15.2% from the previous year was noted.

## B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,429, which was an increase of 64.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 935,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 26.1% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (60.2%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (12.9%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (106.0%) and residential buildings (85.8%). The categories that suffered the biggest drop or negative growth were warehouses (68.4%) and office buildings (61.9%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 2,415 units of residential housing covering a total of 563,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 233.14m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 52.7% over the year before.

## Miaoli County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,241, or an increase of 26.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 729,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 47.8% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (54.8%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (12.4%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (218.6%) and residential buildings (148.0%). The two categories that suffered the most decline or negative growth in terms of floor area were warehouses (78.0%) and manufacturing facilities (54.4%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,693 units of residence covering a land area of 400,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 236.17m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 36.2% over the previous year was noted.

## B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,150, which was an increase of 34.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 500,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 9.1% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (38.5%) and school buildings (12.3%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (50.2%) and residential buildings (32.0%). The categories that suffered the biggest drop or negative growth were amusement parks (100.0%) and school buildings (34.3%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 1,399 units of residential housing covering a total of 193,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 137.82m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 5.5% over the year before.

## Taichung County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 2,326, or an increase of 7.8% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,326,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 28.8% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residence construction (59.6%), followed by manufacturing facilities (10.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth in floor area was residential buildings (20.4%). The two categories that suffered the most decline or negative growth in terms of floor area were hospital buildings (99.4%) and warehouses (81.7%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 4,316 units of residence covering a land area of 790,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 183.08m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 3.4% over the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 2,146, which was an increase of 5.0% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,502,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 9.0% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (56.4%), followed by office buildings (12.6%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest positive growth in terms of floor area were residential buildings (122.4%) and office buildings (1.6%) and. The categories that suffered the biggest drop or negative growth were amusement parks (100.0%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (78.5%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 4,518 units of residential housing covering a total of

847,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 187.43m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a drop by 7.9% over the year before.

## **Changhua County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,341, or an increase of 13.4% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 789,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 4.0% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (25.1%), followed by manufacturing facilities (13.4%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted the highest growth in floor area were hospital buildings (150.0%) and office buildings (26.6%). The two categories that posted negative growth in terms of floor area were warehouses (66.5%) and manufacturing facilities (55.7%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,012 units of residence covering a land area of 198,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 195.49m<sup>2</sup>, a drop of 7.5% from the previous year was noted.

### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,191, which was an increase of 23.9% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 897,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 24.8% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to manufacturing facilities (38.6%), followed by residential buildings (20.5%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted the highest positive growth in terms of floor area were warehouses (340.3%), shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (176.0%) and manufacturing facilities (127.7%). The categories that suffered negative growth were hospital buildings (99.4%), amusement parks (69.2%) and farmhouses (52.7%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 906 units of residential housing covering a total of 184,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 202.73m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a drop by 2.6% from the year before.

## **Nantou County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,178, or an increase of 442.9% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 509,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 280.4% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (44.4%), followed by school buildings



(19.3%).

2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted the positive growth in floor area were residential buildings (2,880.3%), school buildings (353.6%) and manufacturing facilities (350.5%). The two categories that posted negative growth were hospital buildings (98.9%) and warehouses (66.9%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,465 units of residence covering a land area of 226,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 154.1m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 48.5% over the previous year was noted.

## **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,054, which was an increase of 23.9% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 471,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 38.5% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (33.4%) followed by office facilities (16.9%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted the positive growth in terms of floor area were warehouses (296.2%), residential buildings (13.1%) and office buildings (4.5%). The categories that suffered the negative growth were hotel buildings (100.0%) and hospital buildings (84.6%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 921 units of residential housing covering a total of 157,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 170.64m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 10.0% over the year before.

## **Yunlin County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,818, or an increase of 6.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,146,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 18.2% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (24.6%), followed by manufacturing facilities (20.6%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (357.8%), warehouses (114.7%) and residential buildings (82.4%). The two categories that posted negative growth were manufacturing facilities (55.0%) and farmhouses (49.1%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,188 units of residence covering a land area of 282,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 237.01m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 4.1% over the previous year was noted.

### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,548, which was a decrease of 7.5%

from the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 972,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 33.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to manufacturing facilities (28.8%), followed by residential buildings (16.4%).

2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth was residential buildings (7.2%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hotel constructions (93.0%) and office buildings (82.7%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 730 units of residential housing covering a total of 160,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 219.11m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease by 17.3% from the year before.

## Chiayi County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 808, or an increase of 22.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 501,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 13.5% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (41.6%), followed by school buildings (15.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the two categories that posted positive growth were office buildings (4,272.0%) and warehouses (1,311.5%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in manufacturing facilities (70.6%) and school buildings (39.6%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,264 units of residence covering a land area of 209,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 165.06m<sup>2</sup>, a drop of 8.0% from the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 675, which was an increase of 14.0% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 620,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 1.7% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (21.8%), followed by school buildings (20.9%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (2,394.9%) and warehouses (346.5%). The categories that suffered negative growth were manufacturing facilities (40.2%) and farmhouses (40.1%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 759 units of residential housing covering a total of 135,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 178.3m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase by 32.7% over the year before.

## Tainan County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 2,064, or an increase of 11.4% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,091,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 33.0% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (38.1%), followed by school buildings (14.9%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were warehouses (24.9%), manufacturing facilities (10.3%) and residential buildings (7.0%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (100.0%) and office buildings (71.1%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,862 units of residence covering a land area of 415,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 222.94m<sup>2</sup>, a drop of 12.4% from the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,525, which was an increase of 8.3% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,047,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 15.6% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (30.4%), followed by school buildings (14.3%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (1,395.4%), warehouses (169.5%), shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (62.6%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in farmhouses (43.4%) and amusement parks (42.7%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 1,549 units of residential housing covering a total of 18,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 205.52m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a drop of 10.2% from the year before.

## Kaohsiung County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,465, or an increase of 23.7% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,485,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 83.5% from the year before. Of these licenses, the majority went to residential buildings (62.9%), followed by manufacturing facilities (6.8%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were residential buildings (206.2%) and warehouses (118.8%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (100.0%) and manufacturing facilities (28.3%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 2,101 units of residence covering a land area of

34,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 444.64m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 146.8% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 2,041, which was an increase of 15.9% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,170,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 39.2% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (54.8%), followed by manufacturing facilities (10.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were residential buildings (148.0%), office buildings (66.0%), and manufacturing facilities (21.3%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hotel constructions (100.0%) and warehouses (98.5%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 3,098 units of residential housing covering a total of 641,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 206.89m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 7.6% from the year before.

### **Pingtung County**

#### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 2,155, or an increase of 24.2% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,022,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 29.7% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (25.8%), followed by farmhouses (17.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were farmhouses (397.9%) and manufacturing facilities (43.0%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in warehouses (100.0%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (14.4%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 1,278 units of residence covering a land area of 264,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 206.24m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 9.2% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,742, which was an increase of 46.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 795,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 71.4% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (36.8%), followed by farmhouses (21.0%) and school buildings (11.7%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (2,397.5%), farmhouses (498.4%), and office buildings (248.0%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hotel constructions (100.0%).

3. Use Licenses for a total of 1,816 units of residential housing covering a total of 293,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 161.32m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 18.3% from the year before.

## Taitung County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 865, or an increase of 122.4% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 240,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 123.4% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (53.6%), followed by office buildings (13.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were office buildings (379.7%), residential buildings (215.3%) and farmhouses (107.4%). On the other hand, a negative growth was noted in manufacturing facilities (100.0%) and warehouses (98.6%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 661 units of residence covering a land area of 129,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 194.84m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 19.7% from the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 470, which was an increase of 2.2% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 153,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 16.4% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (38.2%), followed by office buildings (12.7%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hotel constructions (1,102.3%) and school buildings (233.2%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (100.0%) and office buildings (54.4%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 305 units of residential housing covering a total of 59,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 192.13m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 14.8% over the year before.

## Hualien County

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,272, or an increase of 13.4% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 453,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 0.1% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (38.6%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (8.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were shops and

stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (144.4%) and farmhouses (121.6%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (47.3%) and office buildings (41.8%).

3. Construction licenses for a total of 951 units of residence covering a land area of 175,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 183.83m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 0.8% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 985, which was an increase of 16.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 360,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 31.7% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (42.4%), followed by school buildings (19.6%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were farmhouses (288.2%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (155.4%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in amusement parks (100.0%) and hotel constructions (93.2%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 929 units of residential housing covering a total of 153,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 164.40m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 39.1% from the year before.

### **Penghu County**

#### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 282, or an increase of 16.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 100,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 14.6% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (32.9%), followed by school buildings (23.5%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were farmhouses (182.0%) and warehouses (82.6%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (100.0%) and manufacturing facilities (97.5%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 173 units of residence covering a land area of 33,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 190.19m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 5.6% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 255, which was an increase of 12.3% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 91,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 36.8% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (41.5%), followed by office buildings (11.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were farmhouses (160.0%), shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (74.9%),

and residential buildings (28.4%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in manufacturing facilities (84.8%) and office buildings (63.7%).

3. Use Licenses for a total of 199 units of residential housing covering a total of 38,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 189.84m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 5.1% from the year before.

## **Keelung City**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 95, or a decrease of 9.5% from the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 187,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 10.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (53.4%), followed by office buildings (22.4%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were office buildings (1,489.2%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (991.7%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hospital buildings (100.0%) and manufacturing facilities (86.8%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 520 units of residence covering a land area of 100,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 192.12m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 1.1% over the previous year was noted.

### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 85, which was a decrease of 22.0% from the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 249,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 31.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (35.4%), followed by school buildings (12.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were office buildings (756.3%) and residential buildings (155.1%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (82.2%) and manufacturing facilities (60.8%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 407 units of residential housing covering a total of 88,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 216.02m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 45.4% over the year before.

## **Hsinchu City**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 332, or an increase of 10.3% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 311,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 8.5% from the year before and setting a new

record low for the decade. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (55.2%), followed by school buildings (9.9%).

2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth in terms of floor area were office buildings (260.5%) and residential buildings (9.9%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in manufacturing facilities (86.2%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (63.9%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 913 units of residence covering a land area of 172,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 188.18m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 11.8% from the previous year was noted.

## **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 318, which was an increase of 14.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 838,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 62.1% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (37.8%) and residential buildings (22.6%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (2,192.7%), and office buildings (679.9%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in amusement parks (100.0%) and hospital buildings (98.1%)
3. Use Licenses for a total of 881 units of residential housing covering a total of 190,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 215.29m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 3.5% from the year before.

## **Taichung City**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 1,390 or an increase of 35.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,739,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 53.5% over the year. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (47.0%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (19.8%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth in terms of floor area were manufacturing facilities (637.5%), shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (58.2%) and residential buildings (54.0%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in warehouses (93.2%) and office buildings (68.2%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 3,969 units of residence covering a land area of 818,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 206.06m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 6.7% over the previous year was noted.



## B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,260, which was an increase of 25.8% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,431,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 16.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority, that is 687,000 m<sup>2</sup> went to residential buildings (48.0%) and 353, 000m<sup>2</sup> went to shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (24.7%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (1,674.8%), school buildings (259.9%), and warehouses (99.1%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in amusement parks (87.5%) and office buildings (58.2%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 3,604 units of residential housing covering a total of 687,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 190.75m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 41.9% over the year before.

## Chiayi City

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 715, or an increase of 29.1% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 374,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 24.7% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (42.3%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (12.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (136.2%), and office buildings (84.3%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in school buildings (100.0%) and manufacturing facilities (95.8%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 880 units of residence covering a land area of 158,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 179.61m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 8.6% over the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 597, which was an increase of 72.1% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 449,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 111.0% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (50.4%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (11.8%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were amusement parks (10,883.3%) and office buildings (1,259.7%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted only in school buildings (69.4%)
3. Use Licenses for a total of 1,332 units of residential housing covering a total of 226,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at

169.79m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 21.9% from the year before.

## Tainan City

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 2,559, or an increase of 54.8% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 1,373,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 31.1% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (56.7%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (4.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth was residential buildings (64.8%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in office buildings (95.4%) and warehouses (81.7%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 3,443 units of residence covering a land area of 779,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 226.27m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 8.2% over the previous year was noted.

### B. Use License

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 1,919, which was an increase of 44.1% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,241,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 17.1% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (50.9%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (8.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were school buildings (303.2%) and manufacturing facilities (55.0%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in amusement parks (100.0%) and warehouses (99.5%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 2,694 units of residential housing covering a total of 632,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 234.55m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 19.5% over the year before.

## Taipei City

### A. Construction License

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 384, or a decrease of 1.0% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 2,056,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 26.7% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to office buildings (26.5%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (21.2%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (669.5%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential

buildings) (47.5%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in school buildings (74.7%) and office buildings (41.3%).

3. Construction licenses for a total of 2,155 units of residence covering a land area of 343,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 158.93m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 7.4% over the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 427, which was an increase of 10.3% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 2,867,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 4.9% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to office buildings (28.2%) and residential buildings (22.1%).
2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth was office buildings (589.4%) On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hotel constructions and hospital buildings (100.0%, respectively) and school buildings (80.8%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 3,447 units of residential housing covering a total of 633,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 183.70m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 8.8% from the year before.

### **Kaohsiung City**

#### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 6,200, or an increase of 136.6% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 4,691,000m<sup>2</sup>, up by 164.7% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (46.8%), followed by shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (24.4%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were hospital buildings (29,516.0%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (908.5%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted only in farmhouses (100.0%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 14,624 units of residence covering a land area of 2,197,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 150.24m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 2.3% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 2,441, which was an increase of 56.3% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 1,519,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 19.8% over the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (48.7%) and shops and stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (23.5%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were shops and

stores (including commercial cum residential buildings) (403.7%) and school buildings (100.3%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in hotel constructions and amusement parks (100.0% respectively) and warehouses (92.3%).

3. Use Licenses for a total of 5,510 units of residential housing covering a total of 740,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 134.22m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting a decrease of 36.5% from the year before.

## **Kinmen County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 170, or an increase of 18.9% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 74,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 25.7% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (53.7%), followed by school buildings (15.0%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were residential buildings (79.9%) and school buildings (15.2%). On the other hand, a decrease was noted in office buildings (53.4%) and manufacturing facilities (40.9%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 215 units of residence covering a land area of 40,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 185.07m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 13.8% from the previous year was noted.

### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 101, which was an increase of 46.4% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 48,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, down by 24.1% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to residential buildings (43.2%) and shops and office buildings (26.5%).
2. Compared with 2002, the categories that posted positive growth were manufacturing facilities (718.0%) and office buildings (59.1%),. On the other hand, a decrease was noted in warehouses (100.0%) and school buildings (85.4%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 111 units of residential housing covering a total of 21,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 185.91m<sup>2</sup>, thus posting an increase of 14.5% over the year before.

## **Lienchiang County**

### **A. Construction License**

1. The number of construction licenses issued in 2003 totaled 14 or a decrease of 12.5% over the previous year; the floor area for construction under these newly issued licenses totaled 14,000m<sup>2</sup>, down by 4.7% over the year. Of these licenses, majority went to office buildings (15.8%), followed by residential buildings (15.0%).

2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth in terms of floor area was school buildings (170.4%); negative growth was noted in office buildings (76.3%) and residential buildings (13.7%).
3. Construction licenses for a total of 15 units of residence covering a land area of 2,000m<sup>2</sup> had been issued in 2003; as floor area per unit of housing stands at 142.33m<sup>2</sup>, a decrease of 71.2% from the previous year was noted.

#### **B. Use License**

1. The number of use license issued in 2003 totaled 10, which was an increase of 66.7% over the previous year; the floor area for these newly issued licenses amounted to 15,000m<sup>2</sup> in total, up by 107.2% from the year before. Of these licenses, majority went to office buildings (47.0%) and residential buildings (16.8%).
2. Compared with 2002, the only category that posted positive growth was office buildings (57.7%).
3. Use Licenses for a total of 3 units of residential housing covering a total of 3,000m<sup>2</sup> land area had been issued in 2003; floor area per unit of housing stand at 848m<sup>2</sup>.