

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The Bureau of Physical Resources provides real property, materiel and related services to support Canada's diplomatic missions.

The Bureau is responsible for the acquisition of Crown-owned office and residential accommodation abroad through purchase or design and construction, and for the acquisition of leased chanceries and official residences. It also guides missions in the leasing of accommodations for staff.

The value of the Department's owned property, consisting of 90 000 square metres of office space, 73 official residences and 480 staff accommodations, is estimated at slightly over \$4 billion.

The Bureau provides overall planning for all accommodation programs, including management of the Long-Range Capital Program which is intended to reduce the Department's rental budget through increased property ownership. Expenditures on this program during the 1990/91 fiscal year totalled \$40.6 million.

The services provided to missions range from interior design to maintenance supervision, and include administration of the collection of Canadian art displayed at missions. The Bureau interprets domestic policy on property and materiel to determine applications suited to the varying situations encountered abroad. In addition, it provides further assistance by developing automated information systems for real property, finance, procurement, works of art and fine furniture.

The Bureau's Construction Program reached a major milestone this year with the \$200-million Tokyo Embassy redevelopment project (a creative joint venture largely funded by Canada's Japanese partners). Toward the end of the year, Phase I of the new \$150-million office building was completed. This includes both a private sector portion to be rented out (Place Canada) and the Embassy chancery. The official opening ceremonies were arranged to take place during a visit by the Prime Minister (in May 1991). Construction has begun on the project's second phase, a 23-unit residential and recreational complex to house Canadian staff, also largely funded by our private-sector partners. The project was designed by the noted Canadian architect, Raymond Moriyama.

Construction was completed in 1990 on the temporary Annex (using pre-engineered modules) to the Warsaw chancery and neared completion on the new official residence in Singapore. Construction continued on the \$78-million diplomatic complex in Beijing and new chanceries in Buenos Aires and Dar es Salaam; the latter two were to be completed by summer 1991. Design also continued on a new \$40-million diplomatic complex in Algiers, a major addition to the chancery in New Delhi, an addition to the chancery in Accra, and a new residential complex in Warsaw.

With the objective of increasing Crown ownership, eight properties were purchased in the United States, Kenya and South Africa. The Bureau also undertook negotiations to purchase condominium office space at a possible cost of \$7 million for the Consulate General in Sydney. This is a major acquisition which will produce immediate rental savings for the Department of over \$750 000 annually. Negotiations were also under way to purchase the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic's Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia. This is a new building (1989) offered for sale at US\$2 million.

The Bureau leased 11 new offices, and renewed leases on 53 existing chancery and official residence properties.

The Bureau's Interior Design group plans and controls design in major projects as well as the refurbishment of chanceries and the public areas of official residences. The group completed or continued interior design projects valued at \$10 million including 5 major construction projects, 12 major refurbishments, 4 projects under the Aid Decentralization Program, 22 under the Immigration Mega Program, and 22 chancery and official residence moves.

The Property Maintenance Program coordinates minor capital alterations and renovation projects, and supervises maintenance carried out under its auspices or by missions. During the year, considerable effort was expended on the Immigration Mega Program including renovations to existing facilities and extensions of chanceries to accommodate additional staff. Expenditures during the year for all types of work were \$7.8 million.

The Procurement Division purchased and shipped furniture, furnishings and other materiel valued at over \$36 million. During the year the Department's vehicle fleet at missions and headquarters increased to 808 from 764 in the previous year.