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Today I am informing that Japanese Governments, especially Ministry of Construction (MoC), will be reorganized in Jan 2001, i.e. just one year later.

From Jan 2001, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Transportation, the National Land Agency and the Hokkaido Development Agency will merge and be one ministry " the Ministry of National Land and Transportation (MNLT)".(note: This name was translated from the Japanese official name "KOKUDO-KOTSU-SHO" by myself. so this English name is not official one.)

New ministries will have to reduce the number of bureau but the Housing Bureau will continue in itself after MNLT's birth. Also, MNLT will have 8 region branches across Japan.

The work of MNLT's head office (Kasumigaseki, Tokyo) will be only planning policy or strategy basically and the MNLT's region branch will do relating local public works including subsidy for public housing to local governments. I heard that the total annual budget of MNLT will be about 100 billion Canadian dollars.

The Housing Bureau will reduce one division (Private Housing Division) but Building Guidance Division (in charge of the Building Standard Law) and the Housing Production Division (in charge of the Housing Quality Assurance Act) will continue. The Building Research Institute (BRI) will belong to MNLT between January and March 2001. But after April 2001 BRI will be independent and change to new type of organization which is similar to Crown Corporation of Canada, I guess.

In future, if you try to keep in touch with MoC or BRI concerning organization after 2001, you might feel inconvenient, but please keep in mind as above.

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