

Extracting the crane

It was 19 hours before a recovery operation to remove the mobile crane that crashed through the wall of a POSB bank in Woodlands began. At 2am yesterday, two other cranes were involved in the operation, which required many hours of preparation.



2am: Thick steel cables, attached to two other mobile cranes, were slipped under and around the fallen crane.



2.20am: The fallen crane was then hoisted and gingerly manoeuvred away from the building, freeing the crane's arm from the hole it had created in the wall of the bank.



2.30am: The suspended crane was moved towards the road and lowered onto the bed of a waiting trailer.



3am: The recovered crane was secured to the trailer, the steel cables removed and the crane taken away.