

In response to media enquiries, an ICAC spokesman today (Wednesday) confirmed that 29 persons have been arrested for suspected bribery in relation to applications for membership of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC).

Arrested in an operation codenamed "Pilot", which commenced yesterday, included three voting members and a number of members of the HKJC, middlemen and applicants for membership.

The ICAC investigation originated from a complaint, alleging corruption in applications for HKJC membership.

Enquiries revealed that through the assistance of middlemen, one of the arrested HKJC members, who was suspected to be the mastermind, had allegedly conspired with the voting members to accept bribes from applicants as rewards for supporting their applications for membership.

The HKJC has offered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

Enquiries are continuing.