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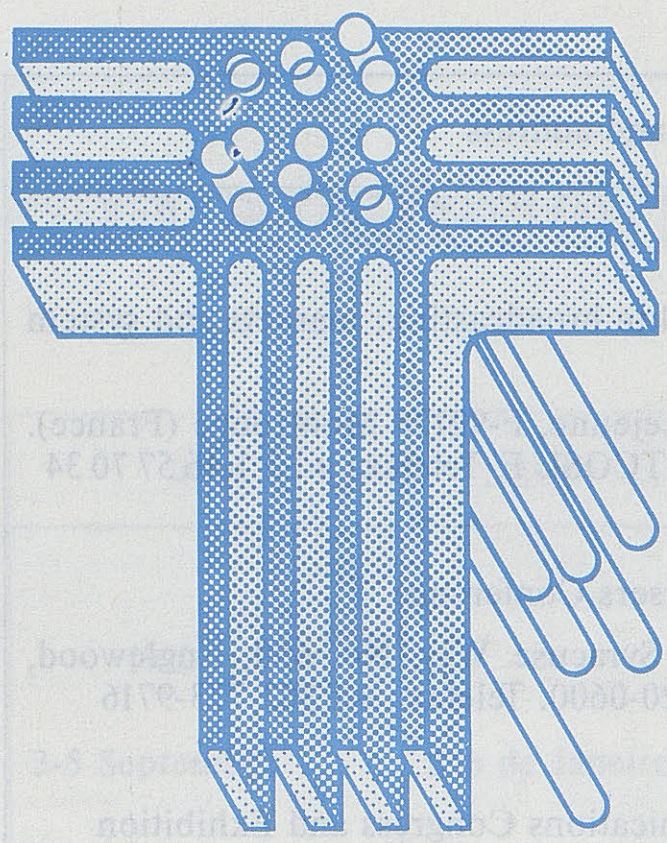

17 May 1990

World Telecommunication Day

"Telecommunications and industrial development"

On World Telecommunication Day, a number of countries and organizations sent congratulatory messages to the Secretary-General of the ITU.

CHINA

On World Telecommunication Day this year, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and telecommunication administrations of provinces and municipalities organized various commemorative activities throughout the country. A wide range of activities such as seminars, lectures, consultative activities on telecommunication services, contests on telecommunications knowledge was organized and commemorative envelopes were issued.

The central television station telecast live the public lectures in Beijing and the commemorative activities in Liaoning, Hubei, Zheijiang, Sichuan, Fujian and other provinces.

Ke Ji Ri Bao, China Business Times and all the local newspapers covered the news of the celebration and carried the speeches of the heads of the telecommunication administrations and the present situation and development objectives of telecommunications at the national and provincial, municipal and autonomous regional levels.

On 17 May 1990, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, the China Institute of Communications, the Beijing Administration of Telecommunications and the Beijing Institute of Communications jointly held a lecture in Beijing. The meeting was chaired by Mr Li Yukui, President of the China Institute of Communications. The Chinese translation of the message of the ITU Secretary-General was read and distributed at the meeting. Messrs Wu Jichuan, Vice-Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, and Ni Yilin, Deputy-Director of the Beijing Administration of Telecommunications, addressed the meeting. About 1000 P&T staff and people from all walks of life attended the meeting.

In his address, Mr Wu Jichuan recalled the history of the ITU and stressed the role this organization plays in the development of telecommunications and the importance of the latter to modern industry. He also outlined progress in communication capacity, technology, equipment and service achieved over the past 10 years and specific plans and objectives for the future development of China's telecommunications, the difficulties to be encountered and their solutions.

In his speech, Mr Ni Yilin introduced the communication facilities to be used for the forthcoming 11th Asian Games.

On 17 May the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications provided copies of the ITU video "Towards universality in telecommunications" to a number of telecommunications administrations.– *Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Beijing.*