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CCP ENCOURAGES REMITTANCES TO CHINA BY SIMPLIFYING EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

PEOPLE'S BANK GIVES PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 2 Feb 50

Chung-shan -- The Chung-shan branch of the People's Bank has accorded preferential treatment to overseas remittances from Hong Kong in the interest of facilitating trade and the transmission of remittances. On 15 January 1950, it designated the Hong Kong Nan-yang (South Seas) Commercial Bank as an associate bank, empowered to accept overseas Chinese remittances and import-export exchange clearances.

Drafts remitted from Hong Kong will be exchanged according to the preferential rate for overseas remittances, or in the form of foreign-exchange deposit certificates if cash is not desired. Drafts or foreign exchange submitted to the Nan-yang Commercial Bank will be exchanged, or credited, in the form of deposit certificates by the Chung-shan branch of the People's Bank at the rate posted on the previous day at the Foreign Currency Exchange Center of the Kuang-chou branch of the People's Bank.

The Chung-shan bank is also establishing a staff office at the border of Macao. This move is designed to further control over gold, silver, and foreign currencies in the South China District and to prevent the flight of capital from the mainland.

BANK SIMPLIFIES REMITTANCE PROCEDURES -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 9 Feb 50

The Hsin-Hua (New China) Bank in Hong Kong has streamlined its remittance procedures for the benefit of its customers. The procedure now is similar to that used by the post office for its registered letters. After the remitter indicates the amount to be sent, the remittance is assigned a number by the bank's currency-conversion section. Each remittance requires only about 3 minutes.

Fees charged for sending remittances are also very low. A remittance to Shan-t'ou costs approximately the same as a telegram, and to Kuang-chou about the price of a telephone call.

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HONG KONG RESUMES DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH INTERIOR -- Wen-hui Pao, 25 Jan 50

The People's Bank of Han-k'ou has appointed the Hsin-hua Bank of Hong Kong as its representatives to carry on all forms of exchange and trust business between Hong Kong and the provinces of Hupeh, Kiangsi, Honan, and Hunan.

Before the resumption of through traffic on the Kuang-chou -- Han-k'ou Railroad this business had been routed through Shang-hai. Since the resumption of traffic, exchange business between these points has shown such an increase that arrangements for direct transactions are justified.

To facilitate exchange activities, the Hsin-hua Bank has adopted the slogan "no more than 3 minutes required to complete any exchange transaction."

FLIGHT CAPITAL RETURNING TO MAINLAND -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 2 Feb 50

Hong Kong -- According to an official of the Hsin-hua Bank in Hong Kong, remittances to China have shown a marked increase in recent weeks, particularly to Shang-hai, T'ien-ching, and Kuang-chou. The primary reason for the increase is the newly stabilized condition of Shang-hai and Kuang-chou, which has induced capital which had previously fled abroad to return to the mainland.

HSIA-MEN CHINESE REMITTANCE BUSINESS GOOD -- Wei. hui Pao, 24 Jan 50

Overseas Chinese remittances through Hsia-men (Amoy) have practically returned to pre-civil-war normals and 62 of the overseas remittance agencies operating before the liberation have reopened. The authorities are giving the promotion of the enterprise every possible encouragement such as: preventing loss by fluctuation of exchange while a remittance is in transit, permitting deposit of remittances in whole or in part in the original foreign currency with interest, making it convenient to cash remittances, facilitating remittances to the interior, and assisting the agencies handling remittances.

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