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"At that time, over 9,000 police officers assumed their tactical positions around the Convention Centre in Wan Chai, and media from various parts of the world arrived to cover the event. The jumble of signals transmitted from our signal transmission station, the CCII hand phones carried by the police, the media broadcasting vehicles, and the various satellite receivers could have caused chaos in communications. However, the CCII ensured smooth and reliable communications for the police, even when the conflict with the angry Korean farmers occurred. As our communications were not interrupted, the police were able to organize, plan, and control the situation on the site most effectively."

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Jolly shows the reporter the screen room at the police headquarters in Wan Chai where the stringent testing of the communications system is being done.

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Jolly also continues to upgrade himself, as he actively participates in academic research and attends various international conferences on behalf of the HKPF and Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

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