

## Banners welcome typist leaders

Two young Government audio typists who went to London to press a pay claim returned yesterday to a cheering welcome from 20 of their union members.

The two women were presented with bouquets and greeted with banners by their well-wishers at Kai Tak.

The Chairman of the Government Audio-Typists' Association, Mrs Matilda Cheung, and the Vice-Chairman, Miss Vivien So, said they were very happy 13 British MPs and a Deputy Minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Lord Goronwy-Roberts had asked for an independent arbitration group to study their grievances.

"Lord Goronwy-Roberts said he could not interfere with the internal administration of Hongkong but would try his best to influence the Hongkong Government on our behalf," Mrs Cheung said.

"He is a kind, clever man, sympathetic to our cause.

"He promised to help.

"And we attach great confidence to the words of such a high-ranking official.

"It was an honour for us to be received by the Deputy Minister.

"We were told by unionists in Britain it was a rare honour."

The union will not stage any action to further their pay claim at the moment, Mrs Cheung said.

"We will wait, as Lord Goronwy-Roberts is doing his best for us," Mrs Cheung said.

The Union is asking for a pay rise and better promotion prospects.

They want basic salaries of \$1,135 to \$2,195 a month instead of the present salaries scale of \$920 to \$1,630 a month.