

- Deng Xiaoping, meeting Japanese political leaders, stressed that Sino-Japanese friendship must be maintained "under any circumstances."
- Chinese Communist Party General Secretary, Jiang Zemin, said there are no plans to lift martial law in Beijing, but told a visiting group of Japanese political leaders that China retains its commitment to reform and open doors.
- Beijing has dismissed Liang Xiang, governor of Hainan Province, saying he abused his office for private gain. Liang, a strong advocate of Zhao Ziyang's economic reforms, is the highest official discharged to date in the current anti-corruption campaign.
- Ten Buddhist monks and other Tibetans were sentenced to prison terms of up to life on charges of rioting and spying for the Dalai Lama during the anti-China uprising in March 1989.
- China's trade deficit for August widened by US\$270 million and now stands at US\$6.85 billion for the first eight months of 1989, more than double for the same period last year.

TAIWAN

- Real estate prices in Taipei City soared in 1988 compared to 1987. Per ping (one ping equals 3.4 square meters) prices rose 70.3% in residential areas, 96.2% in business areas and 125.1% for apartment house suites.

HONG KONG

- Simon Murray, chairman of Hutchison Whampoa, estimates that CAD\$3 billion has transferred from Hong Kong to Vancouver alone in the first eight months of 1989.
- PM Thatcher has asked Japan to continue to support Hong Kong by keeping up the pace of their investments in Hong Kong.
- In contrast to his predecessor, the new minister with special responsibility for Hong Kong, Francis Maude, made a successful visit to Hong Kong. He called on China to improve confidence in Hong Kong by recognizing peoples' concerns over Basic Law.

KOREA/COREE

- Executives of 50 Korean aviation and defence firms called for increased technical cooperation with the Canadian aerospace industry.
- Korean overseas investment amounted to US\$278 million during the first eight months of 1989, an increase of 47.8% over the same period last year. North America's share was US\$128.3 million in 42 projects.
- Korea Exim Bank signed its first loan to an Asian country from its "soft window" Economic Development Fund. Indonesia will receive 8.9 billion won (approximately US\$13 million).

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- Trade Mission to Korea and Hong Kong, Minister of International Trade, Sept. 15-23.
- 14th World Energy Congress, Montreal, Sept. 17-24. Contact: Canadian National Committee, World Energy Conference, 305-130 Albert Street, Ottawa K1P 5G4.
- International Meeting of Parliamentarians, International Democratic Union, Tokyo, Sept. 21-23.
- Japanese Assoc. of Canadian Studies Annual Meeting, Tokyo, Sept. 23-24.
- OECD Council Meeting, Tokyo, Oct. 1-6.
- World Environment Legislators Forum, Tokyo, Oct. 9-10.
- Second Canada-Japan Telecommunications Seminar, Ottawa, Oct. 23-24.
- Cda-Jpn Telecom Policy Consultations, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Oct. 25-26.
- InterMedica '89, International Medical, Hospital and Healthcare equipment, products and technology exhibition, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov. 2-5. For info contact: The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, (613) 238-4000.
- Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee, Seventh Annual meeting, Auckland, Nov. 12-15.
- Bilateral Trade Consultation Minister for International Trade, Tokyo, Nov. 10-11.
- Quadrilateral Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 12-14.
- Arita Ceramics Symposium, Japan, Nov. 15-17.
- Trade Ministers Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 17-19.
- Annual Canola Consultations, Tokyo, Dec.
- COMMTEL Asia '89, Hong Kong, Dec. 5-8.

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