

Three major investments in Canada come from Hyundai Automotive, Sammi Steel and the Shinho Group. Hyundai Automotive has built an \$18 million head office, distribution centre and aluminum wheel plant in Markham, Ontario, a \$350 million automobile assembly plant in Bromont, Quebec, and recently announced plans to build a \$120 million automotive stamping facility adjacent to their assembly plant in Bromont.

Sammi Steel purchased Atlas Steel in 1989 for \$250 million to become one of the world's largest producers of specialty steels and are developing an investment and marketing program designed to double production in their Welland, Ontario and Tracy, Quebec facilities.

The Shinho Group has announced their intention to invest up to \$120 million in a new pulp mill in the Thunder Bay area, to be completed in 1990. It will supply 120,000 tons of pulp to the Korean market.

Other notable investments include: the Pohang Steel Company (POSCO) and Westar, which have a longstanding joint venture to develop coal sources in Canada; Korea Electric Power Company (KEPCO), which has a partial investment in uranium mines in Saskatchewan; the Han Yang Chemical Corporation, which invested \$16.5 million in a PVC window framing operation in St. John's Newfoundland; and Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co. which owns a majority interest in a joint venture with Kerchoff Bridge Ltd, of B.C., for construction related to the Vancouver Advanced Light Rapid Transit "skytrain" and the construction of diversion tunnels for the Old Man River Dam project in Alberta.

INVESTMENT IN KOREA

Canadian, and indeed all foreign investment in ROK, has been limited by a highly restrictive inward investment regime which seeks to ensure Korean control over operations (localization) and to enhance technology transfer. Korea's ratio of foreign investment to external debt is a mere 5% compared to 44% in Hong Kong, 92% in Singapore and 29% in Malaysia. At the end of 1989, total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Korea totalled US\$ 7.3 billion, of which \$3.6 billion was from Japan and