

depend on building up the legal system.

- Siégeant en plénière, la Jeunesse communiste (JC) a élu un nouveau leader. Li Keqiang, 37 ans, diplômé en droit et en économie, est un réformiste qui a été, dans les années 80, un protégé du Secrétaire général du Parti, Hu Yaobang. La JC s'est engagée à faire de son mieux pour promouvoir le programme de réforme.

- The State Economic and Trade Commission Minister, in widely-reported remarks, stated that China should be able to hold inflation to 8% in 1993, but called for restraint in investment in fixed assets and indicated that the Government might readjust interest rates.

- Le "Quotidien du Peuple" rapporte, le 10 mai, que le Conseil d'État a approuvé 7 nouvelles zones technologiques et économiques 'ouvertes' dans les villes de Shenyang, Hangzhou, Wuhuan, Harbin, Chongqing, Changchun et Wuhu. Suite à une explosion dans le nombre de zones ouvertes, le gouvernement a prévenu les régions que toute nouvelle zone devra être approuvée par les autorités centrales.

TAIWAN/TAÏWAN

- A recent poll indicates that Taiwan residents' support for independence has reached a record high. 24% indicated they were in favour of Taiwan independence, compared to 15% last October. The same poll indicates that, following the historic PRC-Taiwan talks, 53% of respondents still view the former as an enemy, 48% said the it seemed unlikely to invade Taiwan by force, and 55% believed the it would invade if Taiwan declares independence.

- Following the signing of four agreements, April 28, during the PRC-Taiwan talks in Singapore, Taiwan legislators and officials are disputing over whether the agreements need to be approved by the legislative Yuan, or whether the Yuan should merely be notified of them.

- The Taiwan media report that the Dalai Lama has agreed to visit Taiwan soon, at the invitation of the World League for Freedom and Democracy.

KOREA/CORÉE

- The United Nations Security Council, on May 11, called on North Korea to open military sites to nuclear inspectors and reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty. The vote was 13-0, with China and Pakistan abstaining. During the debate, the North Korean Ambassador warned that his country would take "corresponding self defensive measures" in the face of any Security Council pressure.

- The South Korean Foreign Ministry described the 11 May UN Security Council resolution on the North Korean nuclear inspections issue as "timely and appropriate". President Kim noted that the abstention by China "carries an immense meaning".

- Maintenant que les États-Unis s'apprentent à permettre les relations commerciales avec le Vietnam, les quatre principaux conglomérats coréens, Samsung, Hyundai, Lucky-Goldstar et Daewoo prévoient faire progresser leur programme vietnamien.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- Canada-China Joint Economic and Trade Committee (Ottawa); May 17-18

- CONSUMER CHINA 93 (Guangzhou); June 8-13,

- World Economic Forum: Europe/East Asia Conference (Hong Kong); October 13-15

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