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**NORTH ASIA - L'ASIE DU NORD**

**JAPAN/JAPON**

- A Japanese steel industry leader said chances are slim for an extension of Japan's voluntary restraint agreement on steel exports to the U.S. when the accord expires on Sept. 30. The U.S. continues to push for an international consensus against so-called "unfair trade practices."

- British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived in Tokyo to begin a four-day visit to Japan.

- Japan Business News Center, affiliated with Kyodo News Service, concluded an agreement to distribute Japanese corporate news in China.

- On Oct. 2, Tokyo will host the first OECD meeting to be held outside the group's headquarters in Paris.

- Kimimasa Tarumizu, a senior advisor to the Japanese finance ministry, has been elected next president of the Asian Development Bank.

- Nippon Mining Co. said it has signed a licence agreement with Hana Biologics of California, to produce and sell culture media and diagnostic medicines in Japan.

- Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. has reached an agreement with the U.S. government to extend and expand a 5-year-old pact on bilateral cooperation in research and development in the telecommunications field.

- A Japanese business group, led by Mitsui and Co., and the Iranian government have agreed on a "friendly liquidation" of a joint Japanese-Iranian petrochemical project, a sore spot in economic relations between the two countries.

- Japan has officially asked Vietnam to repatriate refugees who have come to Japan seeking work.

- PM Kaifu reiterated his call to a government advisory body for concrete ways to reform the election system.

- Membership in Japan's ruling LDP dropped more than 40% in the year since August 1988.

- Sohyo, le second syndicat ouvrier a pris la décision de se fusionner en novembre au syndicat Rengo qui compte déjà dans ses rangs le plus grand nombre de travailleurs nippons tant du secteur public que privé.

- D'après l'agence Kyodo, le Gouvernement japonais maintiendra son opposition à la reprise des prêts de la Banque Mondiale à la Chine lors de la réunion annuelle de la B.M. et du Front Monétaire International qui s'ouvre à Washington le 26 septembre.

- L'association japonaise des constructeurs de maisons en bois de style 2X4 annonce pour le deuxième trimestre de 1989 une augmentation record de 16.8% sur l'année précédente. Plus de 11,600 unités furent construites à travers le pays.

**CHINA/CHINE**

- India and China opened three days of talks by a joint commission to forge closer trade ties and to coordinate strategy for upcoming Uruguay Round negotiations.

- After nearly four months absence from public view, Deng Xiaoping has appeared twice on television, and took the opportunity to reemphasize that China would adhere to the policy of opening and reform while maintaining communist ideology.

- According to a Hong Kong newspaper, troops in Beijing have been ordered to increase their state of readiness ahead of the Chinese National Day on Oct. 1.

- A delegation from the USSR Supreme Soviet is in Beijing on a six day official goodwill visit.