

- China suspended diplomatic relations with Belize after that nation established diplomatic relations with Taiwan. Following Grenada and Liberia, Belize is the 3rd country in four months with which China has suspended diplomatic ties.

- The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requesting the resumption of Sino-Japanese cultural talks that were to have taken place June 13-14 in Beijing.

TAIWAN

- The Council of Agriculture has selected 19 farm products as targets for particular promotion and nine other, including beef, to be covered by protectionist measures. Despite a ban on beef imports by the Board of Foreign Trade, Canadian and Australian beef exporters continue promoting their products.

- The Communications Ministry approved Evergreen Airways Corp.'s Taipei-San Francisco and Taipei-New York routes.

HONG KONG

- HK and China have settled their differences regarding the handling of illegal immigrants. China agreed to resume repatriation of illegal immigrants who cross into HK.

- HK continues its call on Britain to grant the right of abode to HK people.

KOREA/COREE

- The opposition warned that they will launch a joint struggle for the resignation of President Roh if 5th republic issues are not settled by year's end. The ruling Democratic Justice Party decided to suspend dialogue with the opposition.

- The government's plan to open capital markets in 1992 has sent rents for office space in Seoul soaring 20% in the past six months.

- Western diplomatic sources in Warsaw have said that Poland and South Korea will establish formal diplomatic relations next month. (KYODO News Service)

- Allstate and its Korean partner became the fifth Korea-US life insurance joint venture to receive approval from the Ministry of Finance.

- South Korea intends to purchase 120 US jet fighters under a co-production agreement and will announce early next month whether they will select the FA-18 Hornet or the F-16 Falcon.

- The Korea Development Bank (KDB) will likely set up an office in Hungary this year, becoming the first Korean Bank with an office in an eastern bloc country.

- Amnesty International's Annual Report stated there are at least eight major labour camps in North Korea holding more than 100,000 prisoners, most for political reasons.

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ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- Keidanren/MITI Investment Mission to Canada, Oct.22-Nov.2.

- Cda-Jpn Telcom 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.

- Bilateral Trade Consultation Minister for International Trade, Tokyo, Nov. 10-11.

- Korean Human Development Institute Mission to Canada, Nov.11-26.

- Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee, Seventh Annual meeting, Auckland, Nov. 12-15.

- Quadrilateral Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 12-14.

- Cda-Korea Political Consultations, Seoul, Nov.13-14.

- Visit of the Honourable Charles Mayer to Korea, Nov.15-19.

- Arita Ceramics Symposium, Japan, Nov. 15-17.

- Trade Ministers Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 17-19.

- Cda-Korea/Korea-Cda Business Council, 8th Joint Meeting, Vancouver, Nov.22-24. Contact: The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, (613) 238-4000.

- Annual Canola Consultations, Tokyo, Nov.27-Dec.1

- Agriculture Canada's Meetings on Beef, Seoul, Dec.4-7.

- COMMTEL Asia '89, Hong Kong, Dec.5-8

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