

délégués au prochain Congrès National Populaire, au mois de mars.

- All the official media prominently reported the 11 February statement by the Foreign Ministry calling on Thailand not to admit the Dalai Lama: No mention was made of his participation, with other Nobel laureates, in the internationally publicized call for the release of the Burmese political leader Aung San Su Kyi.

- The English-language China Daily of 13 February reported that, following talks in Beijing, Japan has agreed to start bilateral negotiations with China on tariff and non-tariff trade barriers. Japan also indicated that it would continue to grant China unconditional MFN status

TAIWAN/TAÏWAN

- A Canadian delegation met with Wu Den-Yih, mayor of Kaohsiung, during a February 15-16 mission to Taiwan's second largest city and biggest port. Eleven delegates from the Taipei trade offices of Canada, Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and British Columbia met with senior government, business and industrial leaders to promote Canadian trade, investment, education and tourism industries in Kaohsiung.

- Pendant sa visite à Taipei, du 11 au 14 février, le maire de Vancouver, Gordon Campbell, a souligné que Vancouver est la destination favorite pour les asiatiques voulant faire affaire au Canada. M. Campbell et le maire de Taipei, Huang Ta-Chou, ont assisté à l'inauguration d'une exposition canadienne au Musée des Beaux arts de Taipei.

- Commenting on the intellectual property rights dispute between Taiwan and the USA, Taiwan Economics Minister, Vincent Siew, warned that the threat of trade retaliation would harm ties between the two countries. Taiwan legislators have refused to pass eight provisions of the copyright law which they view as an unfair demand imposed on Taiwan by the USA.

- Taiwan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, F. Chien, arrived in Japan on February 16, for what is

termed a private visit. A Taiwan business delegation, led by Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs P.K. Chiang is simultaneously visiting Japan. This is a breakthrough since the 1972 rupture in diplomatic relations.

KOREA/CORÉE

- President elect Kim Young Sam announced 17 February his new Blue House staff. As expected Kwan-Yong, PR manager of the Kim campaign and long time fellow assemblyman from Pusan Park, was named to the top position of Chief Presidential Secretary.

- While South Korea is ranked 12th in the world trade, it was only ranked 30th in the number of Science and Technology papers published world wide last year. Even with a 35% increase in 1992 they still lag behind other newly industrializing countries

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- Exhibition "Selected Treasures of Canadian craft" (Taipei); February 13-March 21

- Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting (Manila); May 4-6

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

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

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