

KOREA/COREE

- According to recent reports by the Korea Institute for Economics and Technology (KIET), the Korean economy is expected to grow 8.8% this year, well beyond the expected target of 7%. Economic growth will be paced by the construction industry and domestic consumption, not by exports. Per capita income is expected to reach US\$ 5,600, up from approximately US\$ 5,000 in 1989. The Institute also forecasts that exports will rise by 4.3% this year, while imports by 11.5%; for an expected US\$ 3.5 billion trade deficit. The projections for external trade are based on the assumption the Korean currency will further depreciate against the US dollar.

- In order to control exports of strategic items to communist countries, the Korean Government will introduce a system of Import Certificate and Delivery Verification, effective July 1, 1990.

- Korea plans to build 12 new power stations with a combined generating capacity of 5.77 million Kilowatts, at a cost of US\$ 3.9 billion, by 1993.

- The Korean steel industry is showing steady recovery with the expansion in domestic sales and exports, while stockpiles are declining. Steel production during the first four months this year was up 12.5% over same period in 1989.

- The Ministry of Trade and Industry will increase financial aid to retailers and wholesalers in order to facilitate the modernization of the distribution industry. They will be eligible to receive up to US\$ 715 million in loans per year, from the present maximum of US\$ 430 million.

- **NORTH KOREA:** Seoul plans to ease regulations governing travel and trade between North and South Korea, according to press reports. Under the proposed revisions, any South Korean citizen aged 59 or older would be able to visit the North without Government permission, but would have to report to the authorities after the visit.

- Seoul is studying measures to induce Pyongyang to resume dialogue. Among those are plans to set up a Government Agency to specialize in arms control and disarmament issues on the Korean Peninsula.

TAIWAN

- Tout en campant sur leur position, les autorités chinoises qui avaient explicitement rejeté à la fin du mois de mai la proposition de dialogue du président taiwanais, ont estimé cette semaine que celle-ci représentait un progrès. "Taiwan souhaite établir des canaux de communication, et discuter de la réunification du pays, et nous approuvons", a déclaré Jiang Zemin, Secrétaire général du parti communiste chinois.

- Taiwanese investment now makes up the most important share of overseas investment in Fujian Province. Thirty to 40 Taiwanese business groups arrive in the Province each day.

- According to press reports, Taiwan's opposition leader, Mr. Huang Hsin-Chieh will visit China next month, at the invitation of President Yang Shangkun.

HONG KONG

- Guangdong television will boost the strength of its broadcasts to cover the Pearl River Delta area. The frequency used will be between those used by the Hong Kong Chinese language stations, thus interfering with reception of Hong Kong programmes in areas adjacent to the territory.

- La compagnie aérienne Cathay Pacific deviendra membre de l'Agence internationale de transport aérien (IATA) le 1er juillet 1990, suite à un assouplissement des pratiques restrictives de ce cartel.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- *Non-Ferrous Working Group-meeting, Beijing, June 25-29.*

- *International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS)-annual meeting, Beijing, July 10-12.*

- *Association for Canadian Studies in China (ACSC)-annual conference, Beijing, July 12-14.*

- *Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)-Ministers' meeting, Singapore, July 30-31.*

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