

Canadian aid policy reportedly to be put to cabinet for approval next month. Canadian aid sources were quoted as saying that, under the new policy, Canada's aid programme would shift its focus from the third world to Eastern Europe.

- Minister of Commerce Hu Ping was quoted in the Southern Daily as saying that foreigners would be allowed to participate in joint ventures in the retail sector in six major cities and the five special economic zones. The decision was based on rising levels of urban consumption, notably in Beijing and Guangzhou.

### TAIWAN/TAÏWAN

- Taiwan's newly elected legislature is to be sworn in on February the 1st, and jockeying is under way for the election of the legislature's president and vice-president, scheduled to place the same day. Meanwhile the resignation of premier Hau Pei-Tsun and his cabinet (and timing thereof) continue to be hotly debated within the KMT.

- Taiwan released its first comprehensive report on its foreign policy on January 21. The 500 pages-report emphasizes "one China, two equal political entities in friendly competition", Taiwan's aims of enhancing its international status by improving its economic strength and providing loans, aid, and technical assistance to developing countries, and its long-term goal of rejoining the United Nations.

- In a sign of Taiwan's cautious tiptoeing toward greater media freedom, Taiwan's government information office has announced that applications for new radio stations will be accepted from January 30.

### KOREA/CORÉE

- Le 25 février, jour de son inauguration, le président-élu Kim Young-Sam convoquera l'assemblée nationale pour obtenir l'approbation du premier ministre qu'il aura choisi. Le lendemain, il tiendra sa première réunion de cabinet pour passer un ordre présidentiel d'amnistie et de restauration des droits civils d'un grand nombre de prisonniers.

- The South and North Korean chairmen of the Inter-Korean Joint Nuclear Control Commission meet today to restart the stalled nuclear talks, but the prospects are not bright.

- Le gouvernement a prévu 26.5 milliards de wons cette année pour des projets de coopération avec des pays en développement, une augmentation de 12 pour cent sur l'an dernier.

- The government will supply 100 billion won in loans from the state to small and medium businesses this year. Special bank loans amounting to 500 billion won will also be channelled to them to increase support for technological R and D by small industries.

- The government will construct an additional 448 kms of electric railways and subways in six major cities by 2001. The cities are Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, Taejon, Kwangju and Incheon.

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### ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- ENPROTECH 93 (Taipei); February 8-11

- Canadian trade office mission to Kaohsiung; February 15-16

- 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,

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