

- Participants at a national conference of political scientists from 96 Chinese universities said that more efforts will be made to pay closer attention to "basic Marxist theory, moral character training and patriotism."

- Li Peng stated that the major economic tasks for the year are to stabilize commodity prices, solve contradictions between overall supply and demand, and harvest bumper crops.

- An American company signed a 70-year contract with the Tianjin Economic and Development Area Authority for the rights to use 5.3 square kilometers of land.

### TAIWAN

- Taipei has approved a US\$1 billion loan to Grenada following the establishment of formal diplomatic relations.

### HONG KONG

- The PRC's Vice-Director of HK and Macau Affairs stated categorically that Peoples' Liberation Army units will be stationed in HK in 1997.

- HK news sources said that the Secretary for Economic Services, Anson Chan, is expected to visit Canada this fall in an effort to repair damage to HK's image following the China crisis.

### KOREA/COREE

- The commander of US forces in Korea declared that if present trends continue there will not be a need for the presence of ground troops in the ROK after the mid-1990's.

- With seafood consumption expected to rise to 3.96 million tons/year by the year 2000, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has a plan that will provide funds to expand the country's aquaculture program.

- The ROK and the US will resume meetings on driftnet fishing from August 18 - 21.

- Since the government gave permission for joint ventures with foreign companies this year, South Korean ad agencies will likely face more competition from US-affiliated companies.

### ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- **Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee**, Auckland, Sept. 4-5.

- **Marine Biotechnology Conference**, Tokyo, Sept. 4-6.

- **Global Environment and Human Response Conference**, Tokyo, Sept. 11-13.

- **Trade Mission to Korea and Hong Kong**, Minister of International Trade, Sept. 15-23.

- **14th World Energy Congress**, Montreal, Sept. 17-24. Contact: Canadian National Committee, World Energy Conference, 305-130 Albert Street, Ottawa K1P 5G4.

- **International Meeting of Parliamentarians**, International Democratic Union, Tokyo, Sept. 21-23.

- **Japanese Assoc. of Canadian Studies Annual Meeting**, Tokyo, Sept. 23-24.

- **OECD Council Meeting**, Tokyo, Oct. 1-6.

- **Second Canada-Japan Telecommunications Seminar**, Ottawa, Oct. 23-24.

- **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.

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

- **Trade Mission to Japan**, Minister for International Trade, Tokyo, Nov. 15-18.

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

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

- **Annual Canola Consultations**, Tokyo, Dec.

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

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