

- Taiwan is under pressure from the US, Canada, and the EC to liberalize its agricultural markets. In preparation for accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and in an effort to increase exports of agricultural products, Taiwan is to appoint officials to Belgium, the US and several other countries. (Financial Times)

- Taiwan will open a trade office next month in Macao, the first since 1967, according to Hong Kong reports.

HONG KONG

- Thousands demonstrated during the New Year weekend against the Chinese leadership and in favour of democratic reforms in China.

- Police used tear gas to break up a demonstration in the Vietnamese refugee camp. 40 people were injured.

- A fourth land crossing point to the People's Republic of China opened at Lok Ma Chau.

KOREA/COREE

- Korea has chosen the F/A-18 Hornet produced by McDonnell Douglas Corp. as its mainstream combat aircraft.

- Exports in November on a customs clearance basis dropped 2.5% from US\$5.81 billion a year ago to US\$5.561 billion, while imports soared 18.4% from US\$4.5 billion to US\$5.449 billion.

- The Atomic Energy Committee has issued a construction licence allowing the Korea Electric Power Corp. (KEPCO) to build two nuclear power plants in Yonggwang. The Committee also endorsed KEPCO's plan to construct another CANDU nuclear power plant in Wolsong to be supplied by Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd.

- The Hyundai Business Group has agreed to develop a forest located in the Soviet Far East. Under the joint venture agreement, it will produce one million cubic meters of timber annually for 30 years. The first phase will cost US\$50 million.

- La Corée du Nord a reconnu le nouveau gouvernement de la Roumanie mais a rapatrié d'Europe de l'Est la plupart de ses 800 étudiants par crainte de voir la fièvre réformiste atteindre ses ressortissants.

- Opposition leader Kim Young Sam hinted that he would make a decision this year which could lead to political restructuring and break up the four party system.

- Le Tchecoslovaquie entreprendra sous peu des négociations avec la Corée du Sud visant à l'établissement mutuel de relations diplomatiques.

- President Kim Il Sung of North Korea is likely to visit Moscow in the spring.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- B.C. Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Hong Kong, Jan.7-10.

- Hon. Jean Charest, Min. for Employment & Immigration, to visit the Commonwealth Games, Auckland, Jan.18-28.

- Hon. John Crosbie will attend the International Franchise Association Conf., Hawaii, Jan.28-29.

- Hon. George Hees visit to Thailand, Bangladesh for field visits to Cdn. food aid projects, Jan.18-30.

- Symposium Pacific Energy Coop (Spec IV), Tokyo, Jan.29-30.

- Sask. Minister of Trade & Investment Visit to Korea, Jan. 29-Feb. 2.

- Cdn Meat Council Annual Mtg, Toronto, Feb.7-9.

- Environmental Control Mission to Hong Kong and Taiwan, Feb.1990.

- Conference on Canada and Pacific Security, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 15-17.

- Agric. Fish & Food Workshops, Halifax Feb.23; Montreal Feb.15; Toronto Feb.20; Edmonton Feb.22; Van. Feb.27. Contact: Regional International Trade Centres, or, Ezio DiEmanuele, Japan Trade Development Division, DEA, (613)995-8606.

- Foodex '90, Tokyo, Mar.13-17, 1990. Contact: Ezio DiEmanuele, Japan Trade Development Division, DEA, (613)995-8606.

- Globe '90: Trade Fair & Conference, Vancouver, B.C., March 19-23, 1990. Contact: Globe'90, 250, 1130 West Pender St., Van., B.C. Tel.:(604)681-6126.

- Canadian Technology Products Show, Seoul, Mar.27-30.

- Cda-Taiwan Business Assoc. Mtg, Taipei, Apr. 1-3.

- Seoul Food 90, Seoul Korea, April 27-30.

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