

Japan; another quarter were from the United States.

- The Ministry of Science and Technology has announced its intention to appoint science and technology attachés to five more of Korea's foreign embassies, including the one in Ottawa.

### TAIWAN

- The chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council announced that Taiwan may soon allow civil servants to visit the mainland to participate in cultural and academic activities.

- According to the Council for Economic Planning and Development, Taiwan's national savings still outpaced investments in 1991. Taiwan's marginal savings reached NT\$1.43 trillion in 1991, equivalent to 29.7% of GNP. In comparison, public and private investment totaled NT\$1.05, or 22.5% of GNP.

- Les investissements étrangers à Taiwan ont diminué pour la deuxième année consécutive. D'après la commission d'investissement, ces derniers ont diminué de 25,1%, par rapport à 1990 pour s'élever à US\$1,56 milliard en 1991. Cette diminution est principalement due à la baisse de 46,4% dans les secteurs du commerce et de l'industrie tertiaire.

### CAMBODIA

- On February 11, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen arrived in Phnom Penh for the first visit by a senior Chinese official to Cambodia since 1978. China had been the main supporter of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia's civil war and Qian's visit was postponed from December when a mob attempted to lynch Khmer Rouge leaders.

### VIETNAM

- Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen visited Hanoi on February 13 and 14. He described the trip as a return visit to that of the Vietnamese foreign minister to Beijing in September, 1991. The visit reaffirms a warming of relations between the two countries that has been taking place over the last year and a half.

### HONG KONG

- The United States will offer 20,000 visas to employees of Hong Kong-based US firms this year.

- Hong Kong has recorded GDP growth of 3.6% in the third quarter of 1991. Among the most striking domestic components in the latest GDP estimate was 11.5% growth in real terms of fixed capital formation. Investment in plant, machinery, and equipment was the driving force with an increase of 23.9% in the quarter.

### MONGOLIA

- The new Mongolian constitution came into effect on February 12. The constitution is largely based on the American one and sets up an executive presidency, judicial checks and balances, and a list of individual rights.

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- Experience Canada, Seoul - Feb.10-22
- Tokyo International Gift Show - Feb.20-22
- Canola Mission to Taiwan - Feb.25-28

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