

dans le cadre de l'insistance récemment remarquée de la part des dirigeants chinois sur la fiabilité politique des cadres.

KOREA/CORÉE

- Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa visited South Korea Jan. 16-19 amid public protests of Japanese mistreatment of Korea women during World War II. Miyazawa offered apologies over the "comfort girl" issue to President Roh, the National Assembly and at a press conference. About 100 demonstrators burned an effigy of Emperor Akihito, but they were kept away from the Japanese Embassy by police.

- Local elections in South Korea, which had been scheduled for mid-year, have been postponed in view of the National Assembly and presidential elections to be held this year. The new National Assembly will consider when local elections should be rescheduled. The opposition Democratic Party has criticized Roh's decision to postpone local elections.

- South Korea joined Canada, Japan and others at a trade negotiations committee meeting in Geneva Jan. 13 in opposing the GATT plan for tariffication of all import barriers without exception. South Korea remains reluctant to allow even the smallest opening of the rice market.

- The Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry predicted economic growth of 8% in the first quarter of 1992. Private consumption is expected to lead with 8.8% growth and exports should grow 12.6% with a slowing of the rise of current account deficit and prices.

- Le total des investissements coréens à l'étranger en 1991 a atteint \$5.1 milliards, une augmentation de 19 % sur l'année précédente. 63% des investissements sont en Asie du sud-est. Le Canada représente la troisième destination de choix avec des investissements de \$118 millions, après les États-Unis (\$403 millions) et l'Indonésie (\$199 millions).

- The Economic Planning Board has announced an austerity drive featuring a 10% cut in events

and ceremonies, a 5% increase in public utility rates, senior executive pay freezes, and a request to all public officials not to use their private cars one day in each ten. These and other schemes are intended to limit inflation, upgrade competitiveness, and conserve energy.

MONGOLIA/MONGOLIE

- On Jan. 13, Mongolia adopted a new constitution, changing the country's name from People's Republic of Mongolia to Republic of Mongolia; calling for Mongolia to become a republic with a parliamentary form of government; calling for the president of be chosen in a general election; emphasizing a mixed economy, including the right to private land ownership; and guaranteeing human rights in accordance with the UN Charter.

CAMBODIA/CAMBODGE

- Media sources report the release of 290 Cambodian political prisoners under the supervision of the International Commission of the Red Cross, pursuant to the provisions of the comprehensive peace settlement.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR

1992

- World Bank Agriculture Mission to China - Feb. 10-20
- Experience Canada, Seoul - Feb. 10-22, including tourism, food, agriculture, audio, corporate investment and telecom seminars and trade shows.
- Nova Scotia Mission to Hong Kong and Singapore - Feb. 15-28, involving St. Mary's University, ITC Halifax and 10 companies
- Canadian Softwood Plywood Mission to Japan - Feb. 17-27
- Taipei Telecom Show - Feb. 27- Mar. 1

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