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JAPAN/JAPON

- A summit meeting between PM Kaifu and President Bush will take place in Washington on September 1st.
- The US and Japan will hold their second round of bilateral talks in Tokyo on Sept 5-6 on "structural" barriers to trade.
- According to a recent poll, 33.9% support the Kaifu cabinet while 45.6% oppose it. 27.3% supported the previous Uno cabinet at the time of inauguration.
- Kirin Brewery and Molson's of Canada are preparing to export Kirin brand beer to Europe this year from Canada.
- Canada presently has a 60% share of the gold coin market in Japan.
- The government has decided to lift travel restriction to the PRC except for Beijing where martial law is still in force. ODA projects underway at the time of the crisis will resume.
- Canon Inc. plans to combine its software products with the NeXT computer. The NeXT comes equipped with Canon's 5.25-inch erasable optical 256 megabyte disk and functions with a UNIX 4.3 operating system, multi-tasking and multi-networking software application, and is compatible with other computers like the Macintosh, IBM, large mainframes and supercomputers.
- Japanese automobile manufacturers, responding to the Paris Summit's call for aid to encourage reform in Poland and Hungary, are reconsidering abandoned investment deals with those nations.

- The Foreign Ministry announced that Japan's bilateral official development assistance in 1988 totalled US\$6.426 billion.
- Cognos, an Ottawa-based software developer, established a subsidiary in Japan for marketing and aftersale service of its products.
- MITI announced that Japan will sponsor a project to develop a CFC substitute. The project will be conducted by the Industrial Science and Technology Agency as well as 10 foreign and Japanese companies.

CHINA/CHINE

- A HK news report claims that China will name China International Trust and Investment Chairman, Rong Yiren, as a fourth vice premier.
- Some banking sources have indicated that depending on the results of IMF and World Bank meeting set for September, western banks may resume loans to China as early as October.
- Chinese leader Wan Li, who visited Canada in May, has stressed the need for strong US-China relations.
- Because of pressure from its allies, the US has agreed to add laptop and other kinds of computers to the list of hi-tech products that Western companies can freely sell to China and the Soviet bloc. (Kyodo)
- The Agriculture Bank of China will limit rural investments for the next two years.