

qu'ils fassent un reportage "objectif".

- Le Ministère de la justice et la Commission de réglementation du marché des valeurs ont habilité 35 cabinets d'avocats chinois à entreprendre le travail juridique relatif à l'émission de valeurs. Des cabinets étrangers désirant travailler à l'émission de valeurs chinoises à l'étranger devraient eux aussi en obtenir l'autorisation du Ministère et de la Commission.

- The China Nuclear Corporation has announced that foreign investment and joint venture partners are being sought for cooperation in the building of new nuclear power plants.

TAIWAN/TAÏWAN

- A 6-person Taiwan delegation arrives in Beijing 25 March for preparatory negotiations on the cross-straits talks scheduled for April in Singapore, which will be the highest level talks so far between China and Taiwan. Cheyne Chiu (former presidential advisor who is now Secretary General of the Straits Exchange Foundation) prompted speculation last week about a new mainland policy when he said Taiwan should consider adjusting its "Three No's Policy: no contact, no negotiation and no compromise". He later said this was merely his personal view.

- Taiwan's budget surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, is expected to shrink to Cdn \$5 million, just 0.2% of last year's surplus of Cdn \$2.5 billion.

- Taiwan's per capita GNP is expected to reach US \$20,000 by the Year 2000, up from US \$10,215 in 1992. Taiwan is also expected to have the highest economic growth rate among the four little dragons in 1993-94.

KOREA/CORÉE

- Following the end of the US-South Korea "Team Spirit" joint-military exercise, North Korea has lifted its "semi-state of war". The move has helped defuse some of the tension in the peninsula, despite Pyongyang's continuing determination to pull out of the NPT and refusal to allow

inspections of two undeclared nuclear sites.

- President Kim announced a 100-day economic revitalization plan that includes a reduction of regulated interest rates, an increase of assistance to help the manufacturing industry expand its investments, early implementation of public projects and flexible currency management.

- Le Président Kim a annoncé que le salaire et le nombre de fonctionnaires sera gelé au niveau présent pour 1 an. Il a aussi demandé aux entreprises un gel des prix des produits et des coûts de service pour 1 an.

- President Kim has ordered his Democratic Liberal Party to conduct a thorough in-house investigation into the lawmakers, now the target of public resentment for suspected real estate speculation and tax evasion.

- Suite à l'établissement de relations diplomatiques entre les deux pays, en août 1992, la Corée du Sud est devenue le septième plus important exportateur vers la Chine.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting (Manila); May 4-6

- CONSUMER CHINA 93 (Guangzhou); June 8-13,

- World Economic Forum: Europe/East Asia Conference (Hong Kong); October 13-15

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