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JAPAN/JAPON

- A study by the Japan Development Bank has projected that the country will be short 3.43 million workers by the year 2000 if it tries to achieve net annual growth of 3.5% in GDP. The report suggested bringing women and older people into the workforce. Business people at a seminar in Nagoya have called for the government to let foreign workers into the market.

- Russian foreign minister Andrei Kozyrev will be in Tokyo March 20-22 for talks on a World War Two peace treaty and the issue of the Northern Islands.

- Les chiffres du chômage pour le mois de décembre que l'agence des affaires Générales et de la coordination administrative a publiés montrent qu'avec 1,27 millions de demandeurs d'emploi, le taux de chômage demeurerait à 2,2%.

- Plusieurs journaux mettent en première page la nouvelle de l'élection de M. Ezaki, prix Nobel de physique, au poste de recteur de l'université de Tsukuba. Le professeur Ezaki avait fait campagne sur le thème de la réforme universitaire.

CHINA/CHINE

- Former CPC General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, who fell from power following the Tiananmen incident of 1989, is still holding a deputy's membership in the National People's Congress, according to the NPC Standing Committee newspaper bureau. Zhao's continued membership allows the possibility that he will be reinstated at some point in the future.

- A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said on February 13 that the recent report of China's sale of ballistic missile technology to Iran is groundless.

- On February 13, the Russian parliament ratified an agreement with China which settles the two countries' borders from Mongolia to the sea.

KOREA/CORÉE

- South Korea will invite 110 Russian scientists to work in South Korea's research labs in such fields as applied physics, material engineering, and aviation. They will be paid wages and all expenses for contracts lasting from three months to one year.

- Korea imported 1,276 cars in 1991, a 58% drop from 1990. Korea exported 390,000 cars to 145 countries in 1991 and over one million Korean-made cars were sold in the country in 1991.

- On February 7, South and North Korea initialled an agreement on three subcommittees which will implement the South-North accord on reconciliation and non-aggression.

- Subject to receipt of assurances regarding investment security and profit remittance, the National Unification Board has given the Daewoo group approval to proceed with its industrial complex in North Korea.

- The Ministry of Science and Technology reports that Korea spent \$5.89 billion on foreign technology in the past 30 years. Over half of the 7,460 cases were from

