

- Jiang Zemin and Li Peng are reportedly planning a visit to Shenzhen later this month to open a new crossing-point to Hong Kong and also to show confidence in the future economic developments of reform in Guangdong.

- Un officiel haut placé du parti communiste a informé la presse japonaise du fait que la loi martiale ne serait pas levée d'ici janvier.

- The Agricultural Bank has increased money available for agricultural purchases, making it likely that fewer farmers will be paid in I.O.U.'s this year.

- Construction has begun on a \$US230 million 500,000 volt transmission line to ease the power shortage in Guangdong.

HONG KONG

- The Foreign Secretary suspended the mandatory repatriation program after the British House of Commons and the US administration expressed profound opposition. Also, groups in the US concerned with this issue are said to be organizing a boycott of HK goods.

- The 14th session of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group ended with little progress achieved.

- During the first eight months of 1989, Canada sold 180,541 ounces of gold maple leaf coins in HK, cornering 50.3% of the gold bullion market.

KOREA/COREE

- President Roh Tae Woo said that reunification of the Korean Peninsula may be more feasible and could occur sooner than German reunification if the conditions are mature.

- Hyundai Precision and Industry Co. is assembling helicopters for civilian use. Hyundai will produce fuselages and some parts, and plans to export helicopters beginning in 1993.

- The government plans to deregulate the shipping business on a gradual basis beginning next year. New entries in ocean-going shipping will be allowed from 1993.

- La Corée et l'URSS établiront des sections consulaires dans leurs bureaux commerciaux de Moscou et de Séoul. Les consuls auront droit aux privilèges et immunités établis par la convention de Vienne mais ne pourront arborer leurs drapeaux.

- Two-way trade between Korea and the Soviet Union totalled US\$432 million for the first 10 months of this year, up 156% from the corresponding period last year.

- Opening of domestic markets is being accelerated as the Korean government has decided to liberalize imports of 98 products in 1990. The 98 products are part of a list of 273 items that the government announced would be liberalized by 1991.

- The Ministry of Labour announced steps to strengthen control over foreign firms as an increasing number of foreign companies are leaving Korea without paying overdue wages to their workers.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- **Symposium Pacific Energy Coop (Spec IV)**, Tokyo, Jan.29-30.

- **Sask. Minister of Trade & Investment Visit to Korea**, Jan. 29-Feb. 2.

- **Cdn Meat Council Annual Meeting**, Toronto, Feb.7-9.

- **Environmental Control Mission to Hong Kong and Taiwan**, Feb.1990.

- **Agric. Fish & Food Workshops**, Halifax Feb.23; Montreal Feb.15; Toronto Feb.20; Edmonton Feb.22; Van. Feb.27. Contact: Regional International Trade Centres, or, Ezio DiEmanuele, Japan Trade Development Division, DEA, (613)995-8606.

- **Foodex '90**, Tokyo, Mar.13-17, 1990. Contact: Ezio DiEmanuele, Japan Trade Development Division, DEA, (613)995-8606.

- **Globe '90: Trade Fair, & Conference**, Vancouver, B.C., March 19-23, 1990. Contact: Globe'90, 250, 1130 West Pender St., Van., B.C. Tel.:(604)681-6126.

- **Canadian Technology Products Show**, Seoul, Mar.27-30.

- **Canada-Taiwan Business Assn**, April 1-3.

- **Seoul Food 90**, Seoul Korea, Apr.

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