

- The official English-language "China Daily", in a 10 February banner headline, announced that "shipping between mainland China and Taiwan is not far off". The report quoted the president of Cosco, China's largest shipping firm, who said his group had already visited Taiwan to discuss the establishment of direct shipping links.

- The "Economic Daily" reported on 09 February that 1992 had been a record year for foreign investors in China. The volume of foreign investor-connected foreign trade peaked at US\$ 43.8 billion, over a quarter of China's 1992 foreign trade volume.

- Une photographie montrant le décernement du titre de "citoyen honoraire" au Président Yang Shang Kun par la ville de Guangzhou a fait la première page de l'édition du 7 février du "Quotidien du Peuple".

- L'arrivée, le 10 février du Premier Ministre espagnol Filipe Gonzales, pour une visite officielle de 4 jours, a été abondamment couverte par les médias. Le Premier Ministre Gonzales visite la Chine à l'invitation de Li Peng, qui est lui-même allé en Espagne l'année dernière.

- Li Qiyang, executive deputy secretary of the Beijing Municipal Party Committee, was elected mayor of Beijing, Friday the 5th. The mayor promised to solve power shortage problems in Beijing and speed up the rebuilding of dangerous residential houses.

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- The prosecution has indicted Chung Ju-Yung, leader of the United Peoples Party, without physical detention, on charges of embezzling money from a Hyundai group subsidiary and violating the presidential election law. Chung Ju-Yung has now announced his retirement from politics. The survival of the party is threatened as lawmakers began bolting from the party. Four of them have already left since the beginning of the week. The UPP now controls 31 out of the 299 National Assembly seats.

- D'après des sources gouvernementales, la Russie va envoyer des observateurs à l'exercice

militaire américano-sud coréen "Team Spirit".

- Le Premier Ministre Hyun a indiqué que les élections locales se tiendront pendant la première moitié de 1995.

- South Korea, Japan, Russia, Mongolia and China agreed at a regional meeting that it was too early to discuss institutionalization of the regional cooperation mechanism on environment, but they selected energy and air pollution, environmental capacity building, and ecological management as priority areas for joint projects.

- Korea plans to permit foreign firms operating in Korea to buy real estate and commercial buildings linked to business operations from July this year, but the government will continue to bar foreigners from buying real estate for speculative purposes.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- ENPROTECH 93 (Taipei); February 8-11

- Canadian trade office mission to Kaohsiung; February 15-16

- Exhibition "Selected Treasures of Canadian craft" (Taipei); February 13-March 21

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

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

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