

plus, produire plus et mener une vie plus frugale.

- The number of cars in Korea has exceeded 4 million and is growing by 2,215 new cars per day. The rate of increase in some areas was 26%, although the increase in Seoul was only 11%.

- Les sociétés Pohang Iron and Steel et Vietnam Steel ont conclu un accord pour établir une entreprise mixte (50-50) pour produire 10.000 tonnes de tôle galvanisée et de tôle galvanisée ondulée chaque année au Vietnam.

- Korean construction firms are owed US\$469 million for overseas construction work in Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iraq, Bahrain, Egypt, Malaysia and Nepal.

- Les exportations coréennes de jouets ont diminué de 18.4% entre janvier et septembre, pour un total de 458 millions \$US. Les jouets en peluche constituent 70% des exportations. Avec l'augmentation des exportations de jouets chinois aux États-Unis, les jouets coréens n'occupent que 9.1% du marché américain, en comparaison avec 18% en 1987.

TAIWAN

- During the first 9 months of this year, Taiwan's trade with China via Hong Kong has increased 43.9%, to US\$ 4.3 billion, compared to the same period last year. According to Taiwan officials, exports to China totalled US\$ 3.26 billion in the period, up 43.4%, and imports came to US\$ 769 million, up 46.6%. Major items exported to China include synthetic filament, yarns, electrical and electronic parts and plastic materials. Items imported include Chinese medicines, feathers and tobacco.

HONG KONG

- This year Hong Kong is likely to record its worst annual trade deficit since 1983, and also its worst inflation since 1981. According to the Hong Kong Government Census and Statistics Department, the trade deficit Jan-Sept was more than HK\$ 16 billion, although this has been coming down in recent months.

- Selon un rapport du Parti communiste de Shenzhen, à la fin de la décennie, Hong Kong et Shenzhen s'amalgameront pour devenir une super cité. Le rapport est basé sur des recherches effectuées par des scientifiques à Hong Kong et en Chine. Un réseau massif de transport reliant les deux villes à été proposé pour aider le fusionnement. Le réseau lierait le LRT (Light Rapid Transit) des Nouveaux Territoires de Hong Kong et l'aéroport Huangtian de Shenzhen par la frontière Huanggan.

- An \$8.6 billion scheme to fund the new airport's core projects was approved by LEGCO. Although the 13 United Democrats of Hong Kong LEGCO members abstained, the remaining 29 members voted enabling bill to be passed. UDHK said that they had abstained from voting because they were not satisfied with the government's hasty decision before financial reports were made available.

CAMBODIA/CAMBODGE

- On Nov. 25, Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, Arthur Perron, presented his letter of representation to Prince Sihanouk. Canada was the 8th country to submit a letter of representation or accreditation to the Supreme National Council of Cambodia.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR

- Quebec Mission to China - Dec 1-9
- Canadian Log Home Show in Japan - Dec. 2-6
- Taipei International Travel Fair - Dec. 3-8
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce Trade Mission to Taiwan - Dec. 8-11
- Six Year Plan Mission to Taiwan - Dec. 9-12
- POLMET Environmental Info Booth and Conference Taiwan - Dec. 9-13
- Quebec Mission to Vietnam - Dec. 10-15

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