

TAIWAN

- Taiwan has applied for membership in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as a separate customs territory under the name "Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matsu." According to the GATT's Article 33, a government acting on behalf of "a separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations" can accede to the GATT on terms agreed to by the GATT members.

HONG KONG

- The Office of Members of Executive and Legislative Councils will open a London office to continue lobbying on the "right of abode" question.

- Deputy Foreign Minister Zhou Nan has been chosen by the PRC as the new director of the HK branch of Xinhua news.

KOREA/COREE

- ASIANA, Korea's newest airline, recently began international flights. The airline is planning flights to South East Asia later this year, to North America in 1991 and Europe in 1992. The airline is a potential customer for Canada's Dash-8 aircraft and Canadian made flight simulators.

- According to Korea's Foreign Trade Association, strong imports and weak exports will generate a US\$1.73 billion trade deficit for the first quarter of 1990. Exports are expected to increase 2% but imports will increase 15%.

- Overseas travel by Korean tourists grew 245% in 1989. The top destinations were Japan (39.7%), USA (19%) and Taiwan (6.8%). A number listing the US as final destination may also have visited Canada. 1% of Koreans listed Canada as final destination. 20,272 Canadians visited Korea in 1989.

- In 1988, 363 Korean entrepreneurs contributed an estimated C\$146 million to the Canadian economy, maintaining 193 jobs, and creating 2021 new ones.

- The South Korean government has invited North Korea and the USSR to observe joint S. Korea-US military exercise "Team Spirit" which is scheduled to begin in late February. N. Korea has refused invitations to observe.

- President Roh appointed Park Tae Joon, chairman of POSCO, the steel corporation, as the chairman of the Democratic Justice Party.

- Korea's containerized trade with the USSR more than tripled in volume in 1989. Seoul and Moscow are expected to establish a regular containership line.

- Korea is expected to accede to the GATT Code on Government Procurement adopted in the Tokyo Round.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- Hon. Jean Charest, Min. for Employment & Immigration to visit the Commonwealth Games, Auckland, Jan.18-28.

- Hon. John Crosbie will attend the International Franchise Assoc. Conference, Hawaii, Jan.28-29.

- Hon. George Hees visit to Thailand, Bangladesh for field visits to Cdn. food aid projects, Jan.18-30.

- 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 Mtg, Toronto, Feb.7-9.

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

- Conference on Canada and Pacific Security, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 15-17.

- 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 April 1-3.

- Seoul Food 90, Seoul Korea

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