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JAPAN/JAPON

- Starting this year, the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. (NTT) will begin procuring computers from foreign as well as domestic manufacturers. According to the Nihon Keisai Shimbun, NTT will use an international tender to procure computers conforming to NTT's new software system, thus allowing foreign firms to participate in bidding. NTT is expected to procure Y500 billion in computers this decade.

- A Japanese delegation will visit Vietnam in March in anticipation of resuming aid to Vietnam, suspended in 1978 with Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia. It will consider Vietnam's development needs and how to deal with its foreign debt.

- Thanks to Japanese trade concessions, US President George Bush declared the visit a success and invited Prime Minister Miyazawa to attend a summit of permanent members of the UN Security Council and to visit Washington in May. Commenting on the concessions on auto and auto-part imports, computers, paper and glass, Miyazawa stated that it is in Japan's interest to improve the US balance of trade with Japan. The issues of Japanese rice imports and the Superconducting Super Collider remain to be resolved.

CHINA/CHINE

- Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy will visit China Jan. 22-27 in order for China and Israel to establish diplomatic ties. This follows secret visits to China by Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens in early November, and to Israel by Deputy Foreign Minister Yang Fuchang in December. Israel is reported to have required diplomatic normalization as a condition for

Chinese participation in the Middle East peace talks, the third round of which is scheduled for late January in Moscow.

- Dans des communiqués séparés, la Chine a établi des relations diplomatiques avec l'Ukraine, l'Ouzbékistan, le Kazakhstan et le Tadjikistan. Toutes les républiques reconnaissent la République populaire de Chine comme le seul gouvernement légitime de Chine. Pour sa part, la Chine a formellement reconnu l'indépendance de toutes les anciennes républiques soviétiques.

- At a Jan. 6 national economic planning meeting attended by most senior central and provincial leaders, Premier Li Peng stated that China "would quicken" economic reform in 1992. Reforms will be oriented towards enterprise management and social security systems.

- Suite à la visite en Chine du 4 au 6 janvier du Ministre japonais des Affaires étrangères, Michio Watanabe, le Secrétaire général du parti communiste chinois, Jiang Zemin, se rendra au Japon cette année dans le cadre des célébrations du 20^{ème} anniversaire des relations diplomatiques sino-japonaises.

KOREA/CORÉE

- Experience Canada '92 will be held in Seoul Feb. 10-24, 1992. The fourth such event since 1988, it will feature seminars on investment opportunities in Canada, tourism promotion and trade. Canadian food products will be on display, as well as featured on restaurant menus. Canadian recreation and leisure products will also be featured in a small solo show.