

- 205 English teachers from the U.S. and Canada have arrived in Chinese colleges and universities for the 1989-90 year.

- According to Xinhua news, the Chinese foreign minister will visit Sudan, Egypt, Syria and Tunisia from Sept. 16-26.

- A Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman, called charges against China's quelling of counter-revolutionary rebellion contained in an Amnesty International report, "groundless and unreasonable."

- The vice-chairman of the Xinjiang Party Committee has been dismissed for bribery.

- The governor of Hainan province, Liang Xiang, has been relieved of his post and is under investigation for corruption.

- The 9th meeting of the NPC Standing Committee ended September 4 after endorsing a proposal to extend the deadline for soliciting opinions on the draft of the Hong Kong Basic Law until the end of October. The meeting also continued deliberation of the draft laws governing demonstrations and the organization of neighbourhood committees.

- The PRC will launch a nationwide drive against tax evasion, considered to be wide-spread among self-employed and private businesses.

TAIWAN

- Jefferey Koo, chairman of the China Trust Co., has been elected to the board of Asia Finance and Investment Corporation, a regional bank established to finance the private sector in developing countries.

HONG KONG

- In the first half of 1989, Hong Kong re-exports increased by 37%. The PRC and the U.S. continue to be the most important markets.

- The heads of seven foreign Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong, including Canada's, will cooperate in seeking ways to restore confidence in the territory.

- Of 6000 Hong Kong citizens who have applied for immigration to Singapore, 3000 have been accepted.

KOREA/COREE

- A huge offshore gas deposit estimated at 24 billion cubic meters was found about 100 kilometers east of Ulsan.

- In the first seven months of 1989 applications for additional foreign investment projects totalled US\$505.5 million, down 36% from the same period a year ago.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee, Auckland, Sept. 4-5.

- PM Kaifu Official visit to Canada, Sept. 6-9

- Marine Biotechnology Conference, Tokyo, Sept. 4-6.

- Global Environment and Human Response Conference, Tokyo, Sept. 11-13.

- Trade Mission to Korea and Hong Kong, Minister of International Trade, Sept. 15-23.

- 14th World Energy Congress, Montreal, Sept. 17-24. Contact: Canadian National Committee, World Energy Conference, 305-130 Albert Street, Ottawa K1P 5G4.

- International Meeting of Parliamentarians, International Democratic Union, Tokyo, Sept. 21-23.

- Japanese Assoc. of Canadian Studies Annual Meeting, Tokyo, Sept. 23-24.

- OECD Council Meeting, Tokyo, Oct. 1-6.

- Second Canada-Japan Telecommunications Seminar, Ottawa, Oct. 23-24.

- Cda-Jpn Telcom Policy Consultations, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Oct. 25-26.

- InterMedica '89, International Medical, Hospital and Healthcare equipment, products and technology exhibition, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov. 2-5. For info contact: The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, (613) 238-4000.

- Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee, Seventh Annual meeting, Auckland, Nov. 12-15.

- Trade Mission to Japan, Minister for International Trade, Tokyo, Nov. 15-18.

- Arita Ceramics Symposium, Japan, Nov. 15-17.

- Trade Ministers Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 17-19.

- Annual Canola Consultation

- COMMTEL Asia '89, Hong Kong

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