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**JAPAN/JAPON**

- Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General Ozawa said the party does not plan to call a general election before the FY'90 budget gets through the Diet.
- Alexander Yakovlev, a senior Politburo member, will head a delegation of parliamentarians to Japan on Nov. 12. He has unofficially requested a meeting with the Emperor.
- MITI indicated that Japan's mining and industrial production grew 3.9% in Sept. compared to a year earlier, but fell 2% from August on an adjusted basis.
- Le bureau de l'immigration du Ministère de la justice a annulé les permis d'entrée temporaire de 664 Chinois entrés illégalement en tant que "réfugiés vietnamiens" et décidé de les déporter en Chine.
- The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Assoc. reported that 6.38 million vehicles were made during the April-Sept. period, up 3.4% over the same period a year ago.
- US Trade Representative Carla Hills warned of renewed hostility from the US if there was not a visible improvement in the bilateral trade imbalance.
- According to a nationwide survey, 56% of those polled wish to scrap the consumption tax, while 46% support modifications to the tax.
- Les grands magasins Tokyu sont en train de négocier l'achat de "Bloomingdale's" avec la corporation Campeau du Canada.
- Ford Motor Co. will establish a new organization in Tokyo to coordinate its business activities in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The head of the Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) hopes to visit Beijing next month in an effort to help restore economic relations with China.

- NKK Corp., Japan's number two steelmaker, said Japan's crude steel output would probably remain above 100 million metric tons until FY'93.

- The Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya Chambers of Commerce and Industry are pushing for the early construction of a linear "Shinkansen" bullet train that would link the three cities in about an hour. The present bullet train takes about 3 hours to cover the Tokyo-Osaka route.

**CHINA/CHINE**

- Deng Xiaoping emphasized the need to establish a new international political and economic order in the wake of improved Sino-US and Sino-Soviet relations.
- For the first time the Public Service Bureau (PSB) in Lhasa has released its figures on those arrested following anti-Chinese protests in March. The PSB claimed that 400 were arrested of whom 320 were released and 63 were sentenced but none had been executed or jailed for life.
- The State Statistical Bureau reported that industrial output in Sept. rose only 0.9%, the lowest in 10 years. A slowdown in demand is causing factory shutdowns, overstocking and colossal debts between suppliers and manufacturers, factories and shops, and, between shops and banks.
- According to the Asian Wall Street Journal, subsidiaries of two US banks have granted separate loans to China totalling US\$100 million. Foreign bankers regard this as a sign that commercial banks will soon resume regular lending to China.
- According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the grain harvest this year is expected to surpass 400 million tons, 2% above last years figure.

- China suspended diplomatic relations with Belize after that nation established diplomatic relations with Taiwan. Following Grenada and Liberia, Belize is the 3rd country in four months with which China has suspended diplomatic ties.

- The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requesting the resumption of Sino-Japanese cultural talks that were to have taken place June 13-14 in Beijing.

## TAIWAN

- The Council of Agriculture has selected 19 farm products as targets for particular promotion and nine other, including beef, to be covered by protectionist measures. Despite a ban on beef imports by the Board of Foreign Trade, Canadian and Australian beef exporters continue promoting their products.

- The Communications Ministry approved Evergreen Airways Corp.'s Taipei-San Francisco and Taipei-New York routes.

## HONG KONG

- HK and China have settled their differences regarding the handling of illegal immigrants. China agreed to resume repatriation of illegal immigrants who cross into HK.

- HK continues its call on Britain to grant the right of abode to HK people.

## KOREA/COREE

- The opposition warned that they will launch a joint struggle for the resignation of President Roh if 5th republic issues are not settled by year's end. The ruling Democratic Justice Party decided to suspend dialogue with the opposition.

- The government's plan to open capital markets in 1992 has sent rents for office space in Seoul soaring 20% in the past six months.

- Western diplomatic sources in Warsaw have said that Poland and South Korea will establish formal diplomatic relations next month. (KYODO News Service)

- Allstate and its Korean partner became the fifth Korea-US life insurance joint venture to receive approval from the Ministry of Finance.

- South Korea intends to purchase 120 US jet fighters under a co-production agreement and will announce early next month whether they will select the FA-18 Hornet or the F-16 Falcon.

- The Korea Development Bank (KDB) will likely set up an office in Hungary this year, becoming the first Korean Bank with an office in an eastern bloc country.

- Amnesty International's Annual Report stated there are at least eight major labour camps in North Korea holding more than 100,000 prisoners, most for political reasons.

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR

- Keidanren/MITI Investment Mission to Canada, Oct.22-Nov.2.

- 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.

- Bilateral Trade Consultation Minister for International Trade, Tokyo, Nov. 10-11.

- Korean Human Development Institute Mission to Canada, Nov.11-26.

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

- Quadrilateral Meeting, Tokyo, Nov. 12-14.

- Cda-Korea Political Consultations, Seoul, Nov.13-14.

- Visit of the Honourable Charles Mayer to Korea, Nov.15-19.

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

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

- Cda-Korea/Korea-Cda Business Council, 8th Joint Meeting, Vancouver, Nov.22-24. Contact: The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, (613) 238-4000.

- Annual Canola Consultations, Tokyo, Nov.27-Dec.1

- Agriculture Canada's Meetings on Beef, Seoul, Dec.4-7.

- COMMTEL Asia '89, Hong Kong, Dec.5-8

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