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**JAPAN/JAPON**

- A summit meeting between PM Kaifu and President Bush will take place in Washington on September 1st.
- The US and Japan will hold their second round of bilateral talks in Tokyo on Sept 5-6 on "structural" barriers to trade.
- According to a recent poll, 33.9% support the Kaifu cabinet while 45.6% oppose it. 27.3% supported the previous Uno cabinet at the time of inauguration.
- Kirin Brewery and Molson's of Canada are preparing to export Kirin brand beer to Europe this year from Canada.
- Canada presently has a 60% share of the gold coin market in Japan.
- The government has decided to lift travel restriction to the PRC except for Beijing where martial law is still in force. ODA projects underway at the time of the crisis will resume.
- Canon Inc. plans to combine its software products with the NeXT computer. The NeXT comes equipped with Canon's 5.25-inch erasable optical 256 megabyte disk and functions with a UNIX 4.3 operating system, multi-tasking and multi-networking software application, and is compatible with other computers like the Macintosh, IBM, large mainframes and supercomputers.
- Japanese automobile manufacturers, responding to the Paris Summit's call for aid to encourage reform in Poland and Hungary, are reconsidering abandoned investment deals with those nations.

- The Foreign Ministry announced that Japan's bilateral official development assistance in 1988 totalled US\$6.426 billion.
- Cognos, an Ottawa-based software developer, established a subsidiary in Japan for marketing and aftersale service of its products.
- MITI announced that Japan will sponsor a project to develop a CFC substitute. The project will be conducted by the Industrial Science and Technology Agency as well as 10 foreign and Japanese companies.

**CHINA/CHINE**

- A HK news report claims that China will name China International Trust and Investment Chairman, Rong Yiren, as a fourth vice premier.
- Some banking sources have indicated that depending on the results of IMF and World Bank meeting set for September, western banks may resume loans to China as early as October.
- Chinese leader Wan Li, who visited Canada in May, has stressed the need for strong US-China relations.
- Because of pressure from its allies, the US has agreed to add laptop and other kinds of computers to the list of hi-tech products that Western companies can freely sell to China and the Soviet bloc. (Kyodo)
- The Agriculture Bank of China will limit rural investments for the next two years.

- Participants at a national conference of political scientists from 96 Chinese universities said that more efforts will be made to pay closer attention to "basic Marxist theory, moral character training and patriotism."

- Li Peng stated that the major economic tasks for the year are to stabilize commodity prices, solve contradictions between overall supply and demand, and harvest bumper crops.

- An American company signed a 70-year contract with the Tianjin Economic and Development Area Authority for the rights to use 5.3 square kilometers of land.

**TAIWAN**

- Taipei has approved a US\$1 billion loan to Grenada following the establishment of formal diplomatic relations.

**HONG KONG**

- The PRC's Vice-Director of HK and Macau Affairs stated categorically that Peoples' Liberation Army units will be stationed in HK in 1997.

- HK news sources said that the Secretary for Economic Services, Anson Chan, is expected to visit Canada this fall in an effort to repair damage to HK's image following the China crisis.

**KOREA/COREE**

- The commander of US forces in Korea declared that if present trends continue there will not be a need for the presence of ground troops in the ROK after the mid-1990's.

- With seafood consumption expected to rise to 3.96 million tons/year by the year 2000, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has a plan that will provide funds to expand the country's aquaculture program.

- The ROK and the US will resume meetings on driftnet fishing from August 18 - 21.

- Since the government gave permission for joint ventures with foreign companies this year, South Korean ad agencies will likely face more competition from US-affiliated companies.

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**ONGOING AND UPCOMING/A VENIR**

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

- 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 Consultations, Tokyo, Dec.

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

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