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## 1. JIAP NEWS

### JIAP's website has a new section: RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS

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## 2) MEMBER NEWS

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9/5 - USTR Robert B. Zoellick announces that the US has nominated Mr. Robert Lighthizer of Skadden Arps and JIAP Member Ms. Janow Janow for positions on the Appellate Body of the WTO. Ms. Janow, who received her law degree from Columbia University, is currently a law professor at Columbia University teaching advanced graduate courses in international trade law and law of the WTO. She has served as a panelist in a WTO dispute, was a practicing lawyer, and is a former Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative.  
<http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2003/09/03-56.pdf>

Ambassador Charles L. Pritchard, a top aide to President Bush in the administration's negotiations with North Korea and the U.S. Representative to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), joined the Brookings Institution on September 2 as a visiting fellow at CNAPS as part of the Foreign Policy Studies program. View the press release at <http://www.brook.edu/comm/news/20030826pritchard.htm>

“The United States and Taiwan” Speech by Richard C. Bush, CNAPS Director and Brookings Senior Fellow Delivered at the New Century Institute (New York), September 5, 2003.  
<http://www.brookings.edu/fp/cnaps/bush20030905.htm>

ORIENTAL ECONOMIST, Sept 2003. CORPORATE REFORM: Restructuring is less than it seems; TOKYO INSIDELINE: Sorry competition for Koizumi DEBT WATCH: NPLs are shrinking, but not zombies; ECONOMY WATCH: BOJ versus bond market; POLITICS: Evolving politics, shifting alliances; INTERVIEW: Victor Cha on the Six-Party talks and DPRK. <http://www.orientaleconomist.com/current.html>

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## 3) CRITICAL REPORTS

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### Congress & The Yuan

“Text: Senate Bill Presses Market-Based Value for China's Yuan, S. 1586 would tax China imports 27.5 percent if talks fail,” US State Dept 9/9/03. “A bipartisan group of lawmakers has introduced legislation that would impose an across-the-board tariff on Chinese imports if China does not allow its currency, the yuan, to reach an exchange rate based on its true value instead of keeping it at an artificially low rate of exchange in relation to the U.S. dollar.” Senators Senator Charles Schumer (Democrat of New York), the ranking minority member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy, introduced the measure September 5. Other co-sponsors of the proposed legislation include Lindsey Graham (Republican of South Carolina) Senator Jim Bunning (Republican of Kentucky), a member of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade and the chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy; Senators Evan Bayh (Democrat of Indiana) and Elizabeth Dole (Republican of North Carolina), both members of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; and Senator Richard Durbin (Democrat of Illinois), a member of the Senate Appropriations and Judiciary Committees. S. 1586 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee for action. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309b&L=WF-EASIA&P=R7041>

**Press Conference, Press Release: “SENATORS ANNOUNCE BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO FORCE CHINA TO STOP CURRENCY MANIPULATION:** New tough approach tells Chinese government to stop manipulating its currency or risk being slapped with large tariffs on its exports Bipartisan group of Schumer, Bunning, L. Graham, Dole, Durbin, and Bayh announce broad-based effort to level playing field for American industry,”

[http://schumer.senate.gov/SchumerWebsite/pressroom/press\\_releases/PR01993.html](http://schumer.senate.gov/SchumerWebsite/pressroom/press_releases/PR01993.html)

### Global Economy & Asia

**Global Economic Prospects 2004:** The Doha Agenda projects anemic growth of 1.5 percent in 2003 in the industrialized world, well below potential. The World Bank foresees better performance next year, as industrial countries' growth rises to 2.5 percent. Developing countries are somewhat more buoyant than industrial countries, growing at 4.0 percent in 2003, and, if the recovery stays on track, will grow at 4.9 percent in 2004. World trade is projected to grow by 4.6 percent, slightly more than last year, but still less than half the rate in 2000.

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Although countries in **East Asia** lost some momentum due to SARS and saw growth decline from 6.7 percent in 2002 to 6.1 percent in 2003, the report predicts that East Asian growth will rebound later in the year and reach 6.7 percent in 2004. Growth is expected to be spurred on by the continued strength of **China**, especially as an export market to regional economies; the expected pickup in world growth, higher prices for agricultural primary commodities like rice, rubber, palm oil, coconut products and lumber from late 2001; and improved emerging market sentiment benefiting countries like the **Philippines and Indonesia**, the report notes.

**East Asia** has been generating strong trade momentum on its own account, led by China. Chinese nominal imports (excluding oil) have grown at a compound rate of 12.2 percent since 1995, with much of the demand being met by regional producers. China's share in the merchandise exports of East Asia (Korea, Taiwan, China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia) has doubled over the last two years and quadrupled over the last ten. *"This should bode well for future growth, and we expect that East Asia will remain the fastest growing region in the world in 2003 and 2004, with growth rates above 5 percent each year."*

Press Release: <http://www.worldbank.org.cn/English/content/189f61213765.shtml>

Report: <http://www.worldbank.org/prospects/gep2004/>

### **Bush Foreign Policy Explained**

Remarks at The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC by Secretary Colin L. Powell, September 5, 2003. "The *National Security Strategy* gained attention in the aftermath of 9/11 because it made explicit the concept of preemption -- and it made it explicit for obvious reasons. As the President says, and as anyone can understand, if you can see a clear and present threat, a danger coming at you, you do not wait for it to arrive. You deal with it. You preempt. You don't wait for it to strike. It is not a new concept, but it took on new meaning in light of the changed world we faced after 9/11."

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2003/23836.htm>

### **More To Worry About**

[Supplied Note] The International Crisis Group (ICG) launched in September the first edition of *CrisisWatch*, a new 12-page monthly bulletin designed to provide busy readers in the policy community, media, business and interested general public with a succinct regular update on the state of play in all the most significant situations of conflict or potential conflict around the world. Each month, *CrisisWatch* will briefly summarise developments during the previous month in some 60 situations of current or potential conflict, listed alphabetically by region, providing references and links to more detailed information sources; assess whether the overall situation in each case has, during the previous month, significantly deteriorated, significantly improved, or on balance remained more or less unchanged; alert readers to situations where, in the coming month, there is a particular risk of new or significantly escalated conflict, or a particular conflict resolution opportunity (noting that in some instances there may in fact be both); and summarise ICG reports and briefing papers that have been published in the last month. *CrisisWatch* is compiled by ICG's Brussels Research Unit, drawing on multiple sources, including the resources of our more than 90 staff members across five continents, who already report on some 40 of the situations listed here.

<http://www.crisisweb.org/projects/program.cfm?typeid=8>

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## **4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS**

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### **COVER STORIES**

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**NATIONAL JOURNAL** – "On The Ropes? After bruising losses, Democrats are divided over their problem, but many seek to mimic GOP strategies," 9/6/03,

<http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2003/09/0905nj1.htm>.

**ECONOMIST** – "The Road to 2004 - If he ever did, George Bush is no longer taking a second term for granted: a jobless recovery, unpredictable opponents, and the mess in Iraq make him vulnerable. At home and abroad, the president has combined boldness with a failure to follow through," 9/6/03,

[http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story\\_ID=2035521](http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story_ID=2035521).

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**FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW – “Can Sony Get Its Groove Back?”** - The company that brought us some of the coolest gadgets on the planet faces a tough call: Sony must behave as the corporate behemoth it has become; yet it must also cultivate the creativity that's made it the world's No. 1,” 9/18/03, [http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0309\\_18/p034innov.html](http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0309_18/p034innov.html).

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## JAPAN

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### JAPAN-BANKING

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**“Goldman Adds to Optimism Over Banks,”** FT9/3/03, p18. Goldman Sachs added SMFG and UFJ to its list of recommended stocks, seen as warming investor sentiment towards Japanese banks.

### JAPAN-BUSINESS

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**“Kansai to Source Mox Fuel From Europe,”** FT9/5/03, p18.

**“Tepco Says Tokyo Blackout Threat Is Over,”** FT9/2/03, p18.

**“Sony to Unveil A Global Shake-Up; Aim is to Cut Fixed Costs and Diversify Entertainment Operations; New Online Music Service for Users of its Consumer Electronics and Mobile Devices,”** FT9/5/03, p15.

### JAPAN-ECONOMY

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**“Japanese Policies Win New Praise from US; Treasury Chief Says Reforms Are Improving the Economy,”** WP9/2/03, E1. Visiting Treas. Sec. Snow praised Koizumi's economic reform policies on trip to Japan, but “Some analysts said Snow's optimism outstripped economic reality: His real message, they said, appeared to be an expression of the Bush administration's gratitude for Japan's support during and after the war in Iraq, underscoring the primacy of defense over economic policy in a White House consumed with its war on terrorism.”

**“Snow Talks Free Trade as BOJ Keeps Spending,”** FT9/6-7/03, p12. Treas. Sec. John Snow, on visit to Tokyo, made little progress on persuading Japanese and Chinese officials to free exchange rates from intervention.

**“Bank of Japan Chief Vows to Continue Easy Policy,”** NYT9/4/03, W1. “Mr. Fukui's reassurances underscore the tricky balancing act Japanese policy makers face. On one hand, they want to encourage investors who are piling back into stocks and restore confidence in a public hardened by recession and gloom. On the other hand, they know Japan's banks are still saddled with huge debt, unemployment is near record highs and deflation still grips the economy.”

**“New Data Fuel Growing Optimism Over Sustained Upswing,”** FT9/3/03, p2. Japan's industrial production rose 0.5% in July month-on-month and consumer prices fell 0.2% in July, less than in June, signaling to some analysts that deflation is slowly fading away. Despite the positive numbers, household spending declined 6% in July year on year. See: <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/statistics/data/h200071e.html>; <http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/1581.htm>, <http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/index.htm>.

**“Japan's Economy May Shrug Off Bond-Yield Rise; Central Bank Vows to Keep Policy Loose, and Stocks Are Offsetting Bond Losses,”** WSJ9/4/03, A17. Analysts are unconcerned about bond-yield rise because of rises in GDP, 0.6% in Q2, and the Nikkei, 40% since 2 decade low on April 28, 2003.

**“Editorial: Japanese, U.S. currency officials differently motivated in subtle way,”** NIHON KEIZAI 9/2/03, P2.

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## JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

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**“Japan-China defense summit: China's defense chief [Cao] warns of missile defense shielding,”** NIHON KEIZAI 9/4/03, p4, US Embassy Translation 9/5/03.

**“U.S.-Japan: One-Sided Bilateral Relations,”** By Brad Glosserman (CSIS, Pacific Forum), Japan Times 9/2/03. “The conventional wisdom on the other side of the Pacific is that U.S.-Japan relations are the best they've ever been. The view is very different in Japan. Here, an increasing number of voices argue that the benefits of the relationship only flow one way.”

**“Interview with Yukio Okamoto, foreign affairs commentator and prime ministerial assistant, on relations with the United States two years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; Time to discuss a gap in national interests,”** ASAHI 9/4/03, p15, US Embassy Translation 9/5/03. “I think the coalition of the willing is a political expedient that resulted from the U.S. government's relative way of viewing things. All the U.S. cares about is who joins the U.S. war against terrorism, and nothing else matters. The U.S. does not seem to mind even if oppression is being carried out in a certain country. The set of values seems to have shifted. I think this is an extremely serious situation. Hopefully, the current abnormal situation will return to normal as soon as possible...”

**“Japan @ the World: A nuclear test by North Korea and Nuclear armament of Japan,”** By Yoichi Funahashi (*Asahi Shimbun* columnist), ASAHI 9/4/03, p15, US Embassy Translation 9/5/03.. “In our recent meeting that was off the record, Deputy Secretary of State Armitage told me that there was one point he would not mind me revealing the U.S. government's official stance though he would welcome our meeting being off the record: “Japan should not arm itself with nuclear weapons as long as it is under the U.S. nuclear umbrella,” he said.”

**“Japan-U.S. alliance serves everyone,”** by Hisahiko Okazaki, Special to The Daily Yomiuri, YOMIURI SHIMBUN 9/5/03. “Motoo Shiina, a member of the House of Councillors, recently received the U.S. Secretary of State's Award for Distinguished Service, the highest award given by the U.S. secretary of state. Shiina was the first Japanese and only the second non-American to receive the award...when I first heard the news Shiina had been honored with such a prestigious award, I could hardly believe it. However, I was soon filled with joy and deep appreciation.” [NB. Indeed delighted. Through his association with Craig Spence, Mr. Shiina garnered and “documented” an “interesting” insight into the foibles of America’s foreign policy elites which has served well Japan’s elites. As Mr. Armitage knows, an alliance built on threat serves everyone well.]

## JAPAN-POLITICS

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**“2003 LDP presidential election: Anti-Koizumi forces' failure to find powerful unified candidate boosts Prime Minister Koizumi's chance to win his reelection,”** TOKYO SHIMBUN 8/29/03, p2, US Embassy Translation 9/2/03.

## JAPAN-SECURITY

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**“Defense Agency proposes logistics branch for SDF,”** YOMIURI SHIMBUN Online 9/4/03. “In its biggest proposed organizational change since the 1954 inauguration of the Self-Defense Forces, the Defense Agency plans to create an integrated branch charged with logistics, communications and other support activities of the other three branches of the SDF, agency chief Shigeru Ishiba said Tuesday. Ishiba, who is on a trip to China, announced plans for SDF organizational reform at a press conference in Beijing.”

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## JAPAN-RELEVANT

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### AUSTRALIA

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**“Australia Sees Weaker Growth As Drought and Downturn Take Toll,”** FT9/3/03, p4. Australian GDP rose by only 0.1% in Q2 for a year-on-year rate of 2%, down from 2.7% in Q1, the weakest performance in 3 years. See:

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<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs%40.nsf/e8ae5488b598839cca25682000131612/d9e260ba2c2fd425ca2568b7001b459a!OpenDocument>

## CHINA-ECONOMY

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**“Support Ebbs for Renminbi Use by Hong Kong Banks,”** FT9/5/03, p3.

**“Fuzzy Economic Thinking; Blaming Beijing,”** Editorial, NYT9/3/03, A18. “China’s financial system remains fragile, and sudden currency volatility could lead to a banking crisis that could spell disaster for the world economy. Washington would do better to urge China’s leaders to focus on their lack of preparation to assume their proper role in the world’s financial order, rather than to demand any supposedly quick fix....With most economists concerned that China’s robust growth could fuel inflation and a speculative bubble, there are valid reasons for Beijing to fear a surging currency.”

## CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

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**“Signs That China Could Ratify Test Ban,”** Agence France Presse 9/4/03. “Signs that China may soon ratify a global nuclear test ban brought some hope to a conference on the 1996 treaty as diplomats urged the United States and North Korea to stop blocking its enforcement.China "seems ready to ratify" the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) Wolfgang Hoffmann, the secretary general of the three-day meeting, told AFP.”

<http://taiwansecurity.org/AFP/2003/AFP-090403.htm>

**“PRC Security Relations with the United States: Why Things Are Going So Well,”** by Thomas J. Christensen (MIT), *China Leadership Monitor*, No.8, Fall 2003. “Most obvious among these is the common cause against Islamic fundamentalism and North Korean nuclear weapons development. These two factors have helped mightily in smoothing over differences between the two countries. What is less commonly acknowledged is the skillful handling of the Taiwan issue by both capitals. Despite many potential challenges to cross-Strait stability, moderation in Beijing and in Washington on the Taiwan issue has provided the strategic context that enables Washington and Beijing to cooperate fruitfully on other issues.” <http://www.chinaleadershipmonitor.org/20034/tc.pdf>

## CHINA-POLITICS

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**“Hong Kong Scraps Subversion Bill That Sparked Massive Demonstration,”** FT9/6-7/03, p4.

**“Hong Kong Chief Drops Unpopular Security Bill; Retreat Signals Change in Beijing’s Strategy,”** WP9/6/03, A10. “[T]he leadership [in Beijing] now seems wary of triggering another wave of demonstrations by pressing the issue.”

**China Plans to Cut 200,000 Troops Over 2 Years,”** NYT9/2/03, A9.

**“Studying the Three Represents,”** Joseph Fewsmith (Professor of International Relations at Boston University) *China Leadership Monitor*, No.8, Fall 2003. Starting in June, Chinese media have been promoting a new campaign to study the "three represents," Jiang Zemin's ideological formulation that was enshrined in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) constitution at the 16th Party Congress in fall 2002. Following Hu Jintao's efforts to emphasize a more populist approach to governance, including his "people's war" against severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in April and May, the new campaign has raised new questions about the relationship between Hu and Jiang. Review of the evidence reveals that this campaign has long been in the works and thus should not—in and of itself—be taken as evidence of a reassertion of Jiang's political clout, but there are nevertheless significant differences between the two leaders and their approaches to governance and ideology. Although the evidence suggests that Hu Jintao has been trying to inject new themes and approaches to governance, he remains willing to acknowledge the role of Jiang as elder statesman and refrains from challenging him directly. Thus, political differences are more likely to be played out in personnel decisions and policy priorities over the coming months than in the sort of political competition that is likely to lead to instability. <http://www.chinaleadershipmonitor.org/20034/jf.html>

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**CHINA-SNOW TRIP**  
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**“China Agrees to Free Trading in Its Currency, but Not Now,”** NYT9/4/03, A3.

**“China Holding Firm Over Value of Its Currency; But Snow Calls Discussions ‘Encouraging,’”** WP9/3/03, E1. Treas. Sec. John Snow visits China to urge a revaluation of the Yuan. See: Snow Press Roundtable 9/3/03, <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js692.htm>

**“China Seen Ready to Conciliate US On Trade and Jobs; Visit By Treasury Chief; No Currency Revaluation Now, but Steps Are Expected to Cut Export Advantages,”** NYT9/2/03, A1.

**“China Hangs On to Currency Controls; Handling of Snow Visit Shows Leaders’ Concern About Financial System,”** WP9/4/03, E1.

**“Transcript: Snow Says U.S. Committed to Growing China Trade Relationship, Treasury secretary's Sept. 3 remarks in Beijing,”** US State Dept 9/3/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R6265>

**“Text: Snow Urges Free Flow of Capital, Market-Based Exchange Rates, Treasury Secretary Snow's September 5 statement at APEC,”** US State Dept 9/5/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R15537>

**“Finance Chiefs Shun Snow’s China Currency Plea,”** FT9/5/03, p3. At APEC finance minister’s meeting, US Treas. Sec Snow was unsuccessful in forcing other nations to follow its no-intervention in the currency market.

**“Snow Calls on Beijing to Let Currency Float; Remarks Follow Pressure from US Groups; Views on Japan’s Intervention ‘Private,’”** FT9/2/03, p1.

**“Snow’s Tricky Talks in Asia; The Treasury Secretary Faces Resistance on All Sides,”** Editorial, FT9/1/03, p12. “Rather than concentrating exclusively on the currency, Mr. Snow may have more luck in the short term persuading the Chinese to open more of their domestic markets to imports, an area in which they have already made some concessions. Whether this will be enough to redress the swelling current account imbalances, or placate Mr. Snow’s domestic critics, is quite another matter. All signs suggest that the imbalances will continue to grow dangerously larger for some time yet.”

**“Winds of Change Will Follow Snow in Beijing,”** Hugh Peyman (President, Research-Works), Commentary, FT9/2/03, p13. “In any event, China’s new administration has had its hands full with the epidemic of severe acute respiratory syndrome, floods and North Korea. But, by next year, it should be able to focus on the renminbi. The internal debate is already well advanced. Apart from the central bank’s work in 2001, various academics have openly questioned whether China needs such large foreign exchange reserves.”

**“US Groups Campaign for WTO Action on Renminbi,”** FT9/3/03, p7. The Coalition for a Sound Dollar, representing 85 manufacturing trade associations, is preparing to file a complaint with USTR alleging harm from Chinese currency manipulations. See: <http://www.sounddollar.org/>.

**“As Fight Heats Up Over China Trade, Business Is Split; Low Vale of the Yuan Helps Companies That Depend On Cheap Manufacturing; Head Start for New Balance,”** WSJ9/4/03, A1.

**“Snowed in Beijing,”** Editorial, WSJ9/3/03, A16. “Mr. Snow would have been better to focus whatever influence the US has in Beijing on domestic market reforms that would help keep China’s economy moving in the direction of greater freedom and prosperity.”

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**FOREIGN POLICY**


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**“Bush Foreign Policy and Harsh Reality,”** NYT9/5/03, A1. Administration makes course corrections based on setbacks in Iraq and North Korea.

**“Poll: Opposition to US Policy Grows in Europe,”** WP9/4/03, A15. Overall, 64% of Europeans disapproved of Pres. Bush’s policies. See: German Marshall Fund, *Transatlantic Trends 2003 Survey*, [http://www.gmfus.org/apps/gmf/gmfwebfinal.nsf/\\$UNIDviewAll/DB6E3FB8A75A3C7F85256D96007A1583?openDocument&K1E73ABE2](http://www.gmfus.org/apps/gmf/gmfwebfinal.nsf/$UNIDviewAll/DB6E3FB8A75A3C7F85256D96007A1583?openDocument&K1E73ABE2)

**GLOBAL ECONOMY**


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**“The Yen is the Asian Currency to Watch,”** Michael Newton (HSBC, Hong Kong), Commentary, FT9/1/03, p13. “So while Asia has become more sinocentric, currency movements will be driven by events in Tokyo, Baghdad and Pyongyang rather than Beijing.”

**“China And US To Gain As FDI Recovers,”** FT9/5/03, p4. UNCTAD’s **World Investment Report 2003** finds that FDI fell 21% to \$651bn in 2002, but predicts global FDI will recover in 2003. FDI inflows were \$30bn in US and \$53bn in China. See: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/WebFlyer.asp?intItemID=2412&lang=1>; Preface and Overview, [http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wir2003preface\\_ackt\\_overview\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wir2003preface_ackt_overview_en.pdf).

**“Chip Sales Grow by 3% in July,”** FT9/3/03, p18. Global sales rose 10.5% year on year to \$12.90billion, according to figures released by Semiconductor Industry Association. See: [http://www.semichips.org/pre\\_release.cfm?ID=281](http://www.semichips.org/pre_release.cfm?ID=281)

**INDONESIA**


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**“Jakarta Walks Fine Line Between Stability, Authority,”** Stratfor 9/3/03. “The acquittal of alleged Jemaah Islamiyah leader Abu Bakar Bashir of treason charges in Indonesia is the result of a compromise by Jakarta between internal stability and the need to demonstrate its ability to contain Islamic militant groups.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=221927>

**“Indonesian Cleric Guilty of Treason; Rejecting Main Charges, Court Sets 4-year Sentence,”** WP9/3/03, A8. Prosecutors were not able to prove that cleric Abubakar Bashir is JI’s leader.

**“US Dubbed ‘King of Terrorists’ By Indonesia’s Vice-President,”** FT9/5/03, p3. VP Hamzah Haz, in response to criticism for the light sentence of reputed JI leader Abubakar Bashir, said, “Who is the real terrorist? Well, it is America. In fact, the US is the king of terrorists because of its war in Iraq.”

**“Indonesian School Has Chilling Roster of Terrorist Alumni; Bali, Jakarta Marriott Suspects Attended the Institution; Government Faces a Bind; ‘Death in the Way of Allah,’”** WSJ9/2/03, A1. Pesantren al Mukmin, co-founded by JI leader Abubakar Bashir, in Ngruki, Indonesia has produced almost all of Indonesia’s top terrorist suspects.

**“Once Mild, Islam Looks Harsher In Indonesia,”** NYT9/3/02, A6. Militant, conservative Islam is pushing aside traditionalist Islam after years of irresponsible stewardship and corruption by Indonesia’s political leaders. A team of US experts led by former US Amb. Edward Djerejian will soon visit Indonesia to assess how the US can better target its message to the Muslim world.

**“Indonesians Turn Against JI Radicals,”** FT9/1/03, p5. “That shift has been under way since the Bali bombings, he says. But it has been crystallized by the brazen courtroom boasts of the Bali plotters themselves, some of whom have testified about the glee they felt when they found out so many foreigners had been killed....The admissions have undermined the Indonesian culture of denial towards homegrown terrorism...”

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**“Asia’s War on Terror; Indonesia Should be Tougher and the US Less Arrogant,”** FT9/5/03, p12. “Indonesia is the world’s most populous Muslim nation and it is essential that the war on terror be won there if it is to be won at all. Sadly, neither the Indonesian nor the US government inspires much confidence that the job will be done any time soon.”

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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**“Do We Have an Effective Protection Plan for Our Trade Secrets?”** Kenro Kitagawa (Advisor, Overseas Security Management, Japan Overseas Enterprises Association, Councilor Association of Risk Management (Japan), IIST MAIL MAGAZINE (METI), No.0047 1/September/2003. “There have been a growing number of cases where technology and management know how that has been built up over the years since a company’s establishment has leaked out against management wishes, causing irreparable business damage and weakening corporate foundations.” [http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0193/0193\\_E.html](http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0193/0193_E.html)

#### IRAN ISSUES

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**“US Softens Stance on Iran Ahead of IAEA Meeting,”** FT9/6-7/03, p4. US has stepped away from efforts to have IAEA board declare Iran in violation of international agreements, instead settling on a resolution pressing Iran to comply with IAEA demands.

**“IAEA Report on Iranian Nuclear Activities Bolsters U.S. Claims,”** *Global Security Newswire*, 9/2/03. “In a report that could pose some tough choices for the White House, the U.N. nuclear inspection agency last week said it had found evidence that Iran might be closer to producing nuclear weapons than was previously thought.” [http://www.nti.org/d\\_newswire/issues/newswires/2003\\_9\\_2.html#4](http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/newswires/2003_9_2.html#4)

**NEWS UPDATE ON IAEA AND IRAN:** <http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/Press/Focus/iaeaIran/index.shtml>

**“‘Reform Has Failed’: Faith in Khatami Is Waning and International Pressure May Toughen the Resolve of Hardliners; Tehran’s Nuclear Programme, Which Will come Under Renewed Scrutiny Next Week, Has Become Bound Up in the Country’s Bitter Struggle Between Reformers And Conservatives. Hopes for Change Have Dimmed,”** Roula Khalaf, Najmeh Bozorgmehr, Commentary, FT9/5/03, p11.

#### IRAQ ISSUES

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**“France, Germany Reject US Plan; UN Role in Iraq Deemed Insufficient,”** WP9/5/03, A1.

**“A Bigger UN Role in Iraq,”** Editorial, NYT9/4/03, A22. “Fuller UN involvement would not only reduce the costs in American lives and dollars – it would also improve the chances of success.”

**“Nice War. Here’s the Bill,”** Donald Hepburn (Former CEO, Bahrain Petroleum Company; Adviser, Middle East Policy Council), Op-Ed, NYT9/3/02, A19. “Let’s face it, rebuilding Iraq is going to be far more expensive than Americans have been led to believe. Just as it seems inevitable that concessions must be made to get other countries to relieve the burden on American troops, now is the time to mend fences with the United Nations and our allies to relieve the burden on American taxpayers as well.”

**“Bush Looks to UN to Share Burden On Troops in Iraq; Sharp Shift in Strategy; President Insisting that Force be Under Command of US – Powell to Seek Talks,”** NYT9/3/03, A1.

**“Bush to Seek \$60 Billion or More for Iraq; US Floats Plan to Widen UN Postwar Role,”** WP9/4/03, A1.

**“Back to the United Nations,”** Editorial, WP9/4/03, A20. “A new UN mandate might make the challenge more manageable, and success more likely – and yet this country must still prepare for a difficult, expensive and prolonged effort.”

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**NORTH KOREA**


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**“US Stand Could Stall Korea Talks, Chinese Say,”** NYT9/3/03, A8. Wang Yi, China’s Vice-Foreign Minister and host of 6-party talks, told reporters in Manila on 9/1 that the US is the “main obstacle” to settling the nuclear issue peacefully. This point was reiterated on 9/2 by Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan, saying, “How the US is threatening the DPRK – this needs to be further discussed in the next round of talks.” See: <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw/2510/2511/t25603.htm>.

**“US Said to Shift Approach in Talks With North Korea; Treaty Called Possible; Nuclear Program Would Have to End, but Some American Steps Could Come First,”** NYT9/5/03, A1. [Not very likely].  
**“Unyielding Stance By North Korea Backfires in Talks; Tough Tactics Further Isolate Pyongyang; Hopes Remain For Normalized Relations,”** WSJ9/2/03, A13.

**“US Moderates Position on Incentives for North Korea; Issue of Aid Could Be Discussed Before Arms Programs Ended,”** WP9/5/03, A18. Unnamed Asian and US officials report that the US is willing to discuss an energy and aid package before the North completely terminates its nuclear weapons program, a slight but significant change in administration policy.

**“Absent from the Korea Talks: Bush’s Hard-Liner,”** NYT9/2/03, A3. “To his detractors, Mr. Bolton is a policy zealot who runs roughshod over the rules of diplomacy and undercuts his colleagues.”

**“North Korea: Digging Deeper Holes,”** PacNet 37, 9/2/03, CSIS Pacific Forum by Ralph A. Cossa (Forum Director). Cossa is an unofficial back channel to the Administration. “The first step in this process, however, must be a complete, verifiable, irreversible end to Pyongyang’s nuclear weapons programs. This can only occur if North Korea stops digging deeper holes and realizes that its long-term security - if not the current regime’s very survival - rests upon its willingness to give up its nuclear aspirations in return for the multilateral security guarantees that remain there for the asking.

**“Fractious North Korea Nuclear Talks End With No Public Progress,”** Global Security Newswire, 9/2/03. “Six-nation talks on the North Korean nuclear crisis ended Friday with a senior Chinese official blaming the lack of progress on the United States. The talks were marked by North Korea announcing that it intends to test a nuclear weapon, according to reports.” [http://www.nti.org/d\\_newswire/issues/newswires/2003\\_9\\_2.html#4](http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/newswires/2003_9_2.html#4)

**“N Korea’s nuclear brinkmanship: North Korea’s alleged threat at last week’s diplomatic talks in Beijing to test a nuclear weapon sent a chill through the region,”** BBC News Online 9/5/03. “Most analysts believe the threat was most likely to be a negotiating ploy, as the secretive state attempts to extract maximum concessions in return for ending its nuclear ambitions. But given the unpredictable nature of Kim Jong-Il’s regime, few are prepared to dismiss the threat out of hand.”

**“A Crisis That Bush Cannot Afford to Ignore,”** Michael O’Hanlon (Brookings Institution), Commentary, FT9/3/03, p13. “Washington must end the absurd pretence that the North Korean problem is not a crisis. It is a crisis, and a very large one at that. It is time the Bush administration started treating it with the gravity and seriousness it demands.” <http://www.brookings.edu/views/op-ed/ohanlon/20030903.htm>

**“DPRK Puts Forward "Package Of Solutions" To Nuclear Crisis” Korean Central News Agency August 29, 2003,”** Special Report, Nautilus Institute, 9/5/03. The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) has reported North Korea put forward “a package of solutions” to the nuclear issue during the six-party talks held in Beijing. The package solutions include the United States signing a non-aggression treaty with the DPRK, the establishment of diplomatic relations with the DPRK, a guarantee of DPRK-Japan and inter-Korean economic cooperation, and the completion of light-water reactors, the report said. It also said North Korea in return will not manufacture nuclear weapons, it will allow inspections, realize the ultimate dismantlement of nuclear facilities and stop the export and experimentation of missiles. This special report is the text English by North Korean news agency KCNA. [http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special\\_reports/DPRK-PackageSolution.txt](http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special_reports/DPRK-PackageSolution.txt)

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**“Hu Jintao writes to Kim Jong-il to open door to six-party talks; Hong Kong Economic Journal, August 28, 2003,”** Nautilus Institute Special Report, September 5, 2003, Translated from Chinese by the BBC Monitoring service. See: [http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special\\_reports/HuJinTao-Letter.txt](http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special_reports/HuJinTao-Letter.txt)

**“Talking Is Better Than Fighting,”** James Laney (Former US ambassador to South Korea), Jason T. Shaplen (former KEDO adviser), Op-Ed, 9/2/03, A23. “The United States and North Korea are now at a critical point. A policy of engagement is the only sensible approach for Washington – not only to avoid a military confrontation, but also to prevent serious and lasting damage to our relationships with our Pacific allies at a time when our Atlantic alliances are badly frayed. Even if the North refuses to respond, the United States will be better positioned to win the support of its partners for a hard-line approach.”

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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**“Asian Dynamism and Prospects for Technical Cooperation Policy,”** by Masafumi Sugano (Assistant Director Technical Cooperation Division, Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau, METI) IIST MAIL MAGAZINE (METI), No.0047 1/September/2003. “On 7 July, the Study Group on Economic and Industrial Technical Cooperation produced an interim report entitled “Asian Dynamism and Prospects for Technical Cooperation Policy,” emphasizing the perspective of Japan as a constituent member of East Asia, and the importance of developing economic institutions and systems that would benefit both Japan and the rest of East Asia. [http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0192/0192\\_E.html](http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0192/0192_E.html)

## SECURITY

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**“Text: Nonproliferation Initiative Talks Being Held in Paris, Initiative seeks to curb global proliferation of WMD problem,”** US State Dept, 9/3/03. John Bolton, under secretary of state for arms control and international security, is leading the U.S. delegation. Previously, the international coalition held two formal meetings -- in Madrid June 12 and Brisbane July 9-10. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R6841>

**“Texts: White House Statement, Fact Sheet on Proliferation Security, U.S. welcomes Paris agreement on Proliferation Security Initiative,”** US State Dept 9/5/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R12961>

## SOUTH ASIA

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**“The Bond Between India and Israel Grows; Sharon’s Planned Visit Raises Fears Among Some Indian Muslims,”** NYT9/7/03, p11. Sharon to visit India from 9/8. “The relationship has been strengthened by an ideological affinity for Israel by the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Hindu nationalist party that leads the Indian government, and especially by the perception of a shared threat in Islamic terrorism.”

**South Asia region updated Country Analysis Brief** 9/03 from the US Dept of Energy is now available. Included in the report are the latest estimates of South Asia’s energy statistics, plus an up-to-date discussion of the region’s energy sector developments. See: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/sasia.html>

## SOUTH KOREA

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**“Pay Rise Deal Averts Strike At GM Daewoo,”** FT9/2/03, p15.

**“Goldman Planning to Purchase Stake in Korean Life Insurer,”** FT9/4/03, p15. Goldman Sachs to buy a 24% stake in Kyobo Life Insurance, South Korea’s second largest life insurance, in a deal worth \$170m.

**“Transcript: U.S. Committed to Close Relationship with South Korea, Secretary of State Powell's remarks Sept. 3,”** US State Dept, 9/4/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R9799> Joint Statement.

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**SOUTHEAST ASIA**


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**“States Urged to Speed Plans for Asian Bond Market,”** FT9/5/03, p3. At APEC Finance Ministers’ meeting in Phuket, Thai PM Thaksin urged Asian governments to accelerate plans for a regional Asian bond market as a counterweight to Western markets. Thailand will encourage the purchase of foreign purchase of Thai bonds by eliminating the withholding tax on interest and income on baht-dominated bonds.

**“Thai Policy Worries Crucial Investors; Court Rulings May Force Japanese Lenders to Forfeit A Big Part of Their Loans,”** WSJ9/3/03, A14. PM Thaksin policy to strengthen domestic industries may come at expense of foreign creditors, especially Japan. Japanese lenders Sumitomo and Itochu and Citibank’s Tokyo branch are set to lose \$380million in legal battle over Thai steel company Siam Strip Mill (SSM).

**“Embattled President Accuses ‘Desperate’ Politicians; The Philippines Leader’s troubles are the Result of Taking on the ‘Big Fish,’”** FT9/4/03, p4. FT interview with Philippines Pres. Macapagal-Arroyo.

**“Philippine Leader’s Husband Faces Money Laundering Inquiry,”** FT9/3/3, p4. Arroyo’s anti-corruption drive now turns on her husband, Miguel Arroyo, for allegedly possessing an unreported bank account for election purposes.

**“Burma’s Junta Details Road Map to ‘Fair’ Elections,”** FT9/1/03, p5. Newly appointed Prime Minister Gen. Khin Nyunt announces that the junta will reconvene the suspended constitutional convention to complete a new constitution before holding “free and fair” elections for legislative bodies.

**“Burma’s Road Map; Suu Kyi Is Putting the Junta’s Allies to Shame,”** Editorial, FT9/3/03, p12. “If the hunger strike turns out to be real, Ms. Suu Kyi may not restore Burmese democracy but she will expose the moral emptiness of some of Asia’s miracle economies. For their own sake, ASEAN members should put some muscle into their demands for her release.”

**“Texts: U.S. Lawmakers Urge International Action to Free Aung San Suu Kyi, Representative Pitts, Senator Feingold September 4 remarks,”** US State Dept 9/5/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R15399>

**TAIWAN**


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**“Taiwanese Celebrate Issue of Symbolic Passports,”** FT9/2/03, p3. Taiwan issues new passports under the name “Taiwan.”

**“Taiwan: Blue versus Green,”** Straits Times 9/3/03. “With slightly more than six months to go before Taiwan’s presidential elections, the contest is already showing signs of being yet another engaging dead heat.” <http://taiwansecurity.org/ST/2003/ST-090303.htm>

**“New Crisis in the Taiwan Strait?”** By Shelley Rigger (Assistant Professor of East Asian Politics at Davidson College and a Senior Fellow at FPRI ) Foreign Policy Research Institute, 9/5/03. “Early this year Taiwanese politicians unveiled a controversial proposal to resolve some of the island’s thorniest policy debates through referendums. The proposal provoked heated discussion, in part because it would circumvent the normal legislative process, but more importantly by arousing suspicions in Beijing and Washington (as well as within Taiwan) that President Chen Shui-bian and his party were embarking on a course that would eventually undermine the stability of the Taiwan Strait. With U.S.-ROC- Sino relations in precarious balance, why did Taiwanese politicians introduce a proposal they knew would shake that equilibrium? And how should the U.S. respond?” <http://taiwansecurity.org/IS/2003/FPRI-090503.htm>

**TRADE**

9/3 – President Bush signs FTA with Singapore, <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R5114>

“Transcript: U.S. Presses WTO Negotiations on Opening Markets, Agriculture officials want movement by developing countries,” US State Dept 9/5/03. <http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0309a&L=WF-EASIA&P=R13295>

“Cancun Must Keep Doha On Track,” Supachai Panitchpakdi (WTO Director-General), Commentary, FT9/5/03, p13. “Cancun will not be a ‘make or break’ meeting for the Doha round> But failure to make progress will complicate our attempt to conclude the talks by the end of the year.”

“Cheap Drugs Deal Agreed As US Lifts Veto,” FT9/1/03, p5. WTO members have agreed to allow the import generic copies of cheap drugs by poor countries to counter AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

**US ECONOMY**

“Bush Policy on Jobs is a Shift,” WP9/3/03, E1. Bush Labor Day address shifts economic policy emphasis to directly alleviating the loss of manufacturing jobs. **President Bush Discusses the Economy in Indianapolis,** Remarks by the President on the Economy, Langham Corp., Indianapolis, Indiana: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/09/20030905-1.html>

“Gains In Productivity Leave Jobs Market Lagging Behind Recovery; A Sharp Fall in Employment Disappoints US officials Eager to Trumpet Hope for Labour,” FT9/6-7/03, p2. See: The Employment Situation, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empst.nr0.htm>.

**5) WEBSITE OF THE WEEK****The China-Eurasia Forum (CEF)**

[Supplied Note] “CEF is an independent, unaffiliated organization which seeks to bring together regional experts, academics, government policy makers, and business leaders with an interest in the growing relationship between China and Eurasia.

Focusing primarily on Sino-Central Asian, Sino-Russian, and Sino-Caucasian relations, the goal of this website and its monthly [newsletter](#) is to foster discussion and information sharing between a geographically distant community that recognizes the significance of China's emergence in this important part of the world.”

Editor: A work in progress.

<http://www.chinaeurasia.org/index.html>

**6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS**

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\*Asahi Shimbun (AS): <http://www.asahi.com>

\*BBC Online: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>

\*Economist (EC): <http://www.economist.com>

\*Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER): <http://www.feer.com>

\*Financial Times (FT): <http://www.FT.com>

\*Inside U.S. Trade (IUST): <http://www.insidetrade.com>

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  - \*Oriental Economist (OE): <http://www.orientaleconomist.com>
  - \*Wall Street Journal (WSJ): <http://www.wsj.com>
  - \*Washington Post (WP): <http://www.washingtonpost.com>
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