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1. JIAP NEWS

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2) MEMBER NEWS

11/16 - Helen Marie Fajemirokun, Gillian Tett's and Henry's new daughter, born. CONGRATULATIONS

3) CRITICAL REPORTS

11/21 – **KEDO Executive Board Meeting, Press Release**, The Executive Board of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), consisting of the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the European Union, given that the conditions necessary for continuing the Light-Water Reactor (LWR) project have not been met by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), **has decided to suspend the LWR Project in the DPRK for a period of one year, beginning December 1, 2003.**"

http://www.kedo.org/news_detail.asp?NewsID=13

4) OPINION, REPORTS & STATEMENTS

COVER STORIES

NATIONAL JOURNAL – *NO ISSUE THIS WEEK*

ECONOMIST – “**Help at last,**” 11/29 /03. “Yet, despite better efforts at home and from abroad, the worst death toll from AIDS still lies ahead.” http://www.economist.com/printedition/displaystory.cfm?Story_ID=S%27%298%24%28Q17%27%21%20%23%5C%0A

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW - “**TEXTILE QUOTAS: Bangladesh Stares Into the Abyss,**” 11/27/03. “With the Multifibre Arrangement due to lapse at the end of next year, garment exporters such as Bangladesh stand to lose their overseas markets and, with them, millions of jobs. Sadly, free trade could prove a disaster for the world's poor.” http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0311_27/p046money.html

JAPAN

JAPAN-BUSINESS

“**With Dry Pipelines, Big Drug Makers Stock Up in Japan: Shunning High-Tech Gizmos, The Asian Scientists Score With Traditional Lab Work: ‘High Value on Weird People,’**” WSJ 11/24/03, A1 ““In the past five years, discoveries in Japan accounted for 13% of new drugs approved by [FDA]...That success is fueling a debate about the best way to develop drugs...Japanese companies [unlike US and Europeans with high tech tools], continue to emphasize the low-budget, painstaking lab work...The Japanese rely heavily on their chemists’ willingness to try new ideas in tweaking a drug’s chemical makeup.””

JAPAN-FOREIGN POLICY

Main Points of Press Conference by Foreign Minister Kawaguchi (Murder of Japanese Embassy Staff in Iraq)

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2003/11/1130.html>

“**Appointment of Makiko Tanaka as Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee member; Foreign Ministry in great fear,**” YOMIURI 11/21/03, p4, US Embassy Translation 11/25/03.

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“Dwindling desire to sign Japan-Mexico FTA before year's end; Proposal to postpone agreement till March,” 11/21/03, p5, US Embassy Translation 11/25/03.

The Fourth Meeting on Malaysia-Japan Closer Economic Partnership (The Second Joint Study Group Meeting)

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/malaysia/meet0311.html>

Outline of Results of the Third Meeting for the Promotion of Asia Forest Partnership (AFP)

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/environment/afp/meet3/outline.html>

General Information on Asia Forest Partnership (AFP) (updated)

> <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fishery/afp/general0211.html>

JAPAN-POLITICS

“Poll of Lower House members' attitudes: 51 percent "place importance on economic stimulation"; More than 70 percent are in favor of amending the Constitution,” YOMIURI 11/21/03, p4, US Embassy Translation 11/26/03. “On amending the Constitution, 73 percent of the respondents were in favor of it. The figure itself has reached “two-thirds of all the Lower House members” needed to make a motion for amending the Constitution. Those who opposed amending the Constitution stood at 14 percent. Because the Japan Communist Party and the Social Democratic Party, both of which pledged in the election campaign to protect the present Constitution, were badly beaten in the recent general election, those who favor amending the Constitution have increased in number. By political party, 89 percent of the LDP respondents were in favor of amending the Constitution. The LDP stated in its campaign pledges that “we will compile a draft to amend the Constitution in 2005.” However, in the New Komeito, a coalition partner of the LDP, 45 percent were in favor of amending the Constitution, 23 percent chose a different answer, and 19 percent were opposed. The New Komeito is thus cautious about amending the Constitution. This means that it would be a tough job to coordinate views in the ruling camp about the question of whether to amend the Constitution. In the Minshuto, 64 percents favored amending the Constitution, but 19 percent opposed doing so. Even in the Minshuto, too, it seems difficult for the party to unity views internally.”

JAPAN-SECURITY

Poll on SDF Iraq dispatch, postal and highway privatization, popularity ranking for premiership,” SANKEI 11/25/03, p5, US Embassy Translation 11/28/03.

Q: Do you think it desirable for Japan to dispatch Self-Defense Forces (SDF) personnel to Iraq?

Dispatch even now	10.0
Dispatch when danger is out	42.6
No dispatch	45.4
D/K+C/S	2.1

Q: Do you think the government has fully accounted for its planned SDF dispatch?

Yes	7.0
No	88.6
D/K + can't say which	4.5

JAPAN-SOCIETY & CULTURE

“Babies And Bosses: Reconciling Work And Family Life In Austria, Ireland And Japan, Vol 2” OECD 11/4/03, 232pgs, \$33. Examines how taxes, government benefits, childcare and employment policies affect parents' work lives and influence the formation of families. “In Japan, the study says that a looming labour shortage would never materialize if females joined the labour force in the same numbers as their male counterparts. However, some aspects of government policy and employer practices currently discourage women from working after they have children. Changes are needed in Japan's labour market to provide them with the flexible hours, attractive jobs, decent wages and career prospects needed to entice them back into employment.” See:

http://www.oecd.org/document/53/0,2340,en_2649_201185_18355573_1_1_1_1,00.html

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“Sharp rise in stimulant drug prices probably due to curtailment in major "North" smuggling route; North trying to raise prices to make up for production cuts as a result of U.S. pressure?; Increase in small-lot trafficking; Airlift also on rise,” TOKYO SHIMBUN 11/25/03, p3, US Embassy Translation 11/26/03.

JAPAN-RELEVANT

CHINA-FOREIGN POLICY

11/26 - The Chinese government begins disassembling a satellite tracking station in the Pacific archipelago state of Kiribati, Radio Kiribati announced. The action most likely is related to Kiribati’s decision to become the only country in the world to recognize both Taiwan and China.

“Tiny Republic Embraces Taiwan, and China Feels Betrayed,” WP11/27/03, A15. “[The] tiny republic of Kiribati...established diplomatic relationship with Taiwan...As a result, Kiribati, population 96,000 is the only country in the world that enjoys diplomatic ties with both China and Taiwan. If China maintains its ties with Kiribati, it risks undermining its one-China policy. But if it doesn’t, it will lose the satellite tracking base...that is critical China’s space program, and, some analysts say, is used to spy on U.S. missile defense tests in the Nearby Marshall Islands.” See CIA Factbook: <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/kr.html>,

“Interview With Wen Jiabao,” WP11/23/03, A27 “In his first interview with Western journalists, Chinese Premier met Friday with Washington Post.” The full text is available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/world>.

“New China, Old Threat,” Editorial, WP11/28/03, A40. “Now that Taiwan is a democracy, threats of invasion will only strengthen its independence movement—just as the recent rhetoric only spurred the parliament into acting on the referendum law. The only way Beijing could achieve its goal of unification would be by winning over the Taiwanese public. That would take time and greater economic integration.”

CHINA-HONG KONG

“Hong Kong Democracy Movement Posts Gains,” WP 11/24/03, A17. “A major victory against the territory’s pro-Beijing parties in local elections Sunday [11/23], as record numbers of voters went to the polls nearly five months after a series of huge anti-government street demonstrations stunned China’s Communist leaders.”

“Gains For Pro-Democracy Party in Hong Kong,” NYT 11/24/03, A9. “A heavy turnout, and a setback for pro-Beijing candidates.” “The elections, which drew a large turnout, were for the territory’s 18 district councils, nearly powerless bodies with minimal budgets that advises the government on traffic problems and other local issues...[However] Politicians and political commentators described the vote on Sunday as a warm-up for legislative elections next summer that will play a big role in what is likely to be China’s next important experiment in democracy.”

CHINA-POLITICS

“After Year of Crises, Chinese Premier Faces Trade War: Mr. Wen Shows Deft Touch On SARS, Hong Kong; U.S. Visit Puts Him to Test: Cutting to the Chase With Ford,” WSJ 11/28/03, A1. “Chinese Premier Wen is winning praise at home.” “His approach to diplomacy ‘seems to be more subtle and sophisticated’ than of predecessors,’ says William McCahill, former deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Beijing.”

“New Diplomacy, Old Politics,” by Amy Gadsden, Former special adviser on China in the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour, THE 5TH COLUMN, FEER 11/27/03. “Over the next few months, China will continue to participate in discussions over progress of this effort. China is not expected to derail any of these reforms. But its support for democracy in Baghdad puts Beijing in an increasingly uneasy position. How long will it be before the Chinese people ask the Communist Party how it can support democratic reform in Iraq, when it thwarts similar reforms at home?” http://www.feer.com/articles/2003/0311_27/p026fcol.html

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CHINA-TRADE

“U.S., China Risk New Trade Spat Over Color TVs: Move Toward Stiff Duties By Washington Prompts Angry Response in Beijing,” WSJ11/26/03, A12. “The Commerce Department announced Monday that all Chinese-made color TVs with screens larger than 52 centimeters (or about 20 inches) could be subject to antidumping penalties from 28% to 46%. Beijing has responded by postponing a planned visit by a Chinese delegation to buy U.S. agricultural products and is threatening counter-tariffs if the steel safeguards stay in place.”

“Commerce Dept. Advances Dumping Case on TV Sets from China (Ends investigation on imports from Malaysia),” US State Dept, 11/25/03. “Imports of color television receivers from China were dumped on the U.S. market, the Commerce Department has ruled. In a November 24 preliminary affirmative determination the department calculated the dumping margins ranged from 27.94 percent to 45.87 percent.”

<http://lists.state.gov/SCRIPTS/WA-USIAINFO.EXE?A2=ind0311d&L=WF-EASIA&P=R2992>

“China Seeks to Defuse U.S. Trade Battle: Premier Says His Nation’s Economic Growth Helps, Not Harms Americans,” WP11/23/03, A27. “To the contrary, according to the premier, swelling trade with China is an ingredient in U.S. prosperity.”

FOREIGN POLICY

“Get Foreign Policy Back On Course,” Warren Christopher, (Former Secretary of State from 1993 to 1997, and co-chairman of the Pacific Council on International Policy) Op-Ed, WP11/27/03, A43. “If the major premise of President Bush’s policy changes had been correct—that the United States does not need help or consensus to work its will in the world—the loss of international friends might be less important. But the opposite is true. With two soldiers killed on average every day this month, Iraq is a quagmire... It is about time for the Democratic presidential aspirants to do more than quibble about who was right in the past. The issue is what their reason and instinct tell them must be done to extract America from the foreign policy abyss.”

“Wars of Choice,” Op-Ed, Richard N. Haass (President of the Council on Foreign Relations), WP 11/23/03, B7. “What distinguish wars of necessity is the requirement to respond to the use of military force by an aggressor and the fact that no option other than military force exists to reverse what has been done... the United States is not geared to sustain costly wars of choice... [Wars] of choice require special handling. First, it is essential to line up domestic support... Second, it is equally essential to line up international support. Third, no one should ever underestimate the potential cost of military action; no one should ever assume that a war of choice, or any war, will prove quick and easy.”

GLOBAL ECONOMY

“The Internet and its users: The physical dimensions of cyberpolitics in Eastern Asia,” by Dr T. Matthew Ciolek, Head, Internet Publications Bureau, RSPAS, The National Institute for Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 11/10/03. Supplied note: " 'The Internet and its users: The physical dimensions of cyberpolitics in Eastern Asia.' A paper presented at the conference 'From the Book to the Internet: Communications Technologies, Human Motions, and Cultural Formations in Eastern Asia,' University of Oregon, October 16-18, 2003. *Abstract:* The energetic uptake of Internet technologies across Eastern Asia has placed fresh social, cultural and political demands on the region. Regional responses to these new pressures vary in both direction and strength. A new hierarchy of leaders (and strugglers) has emerged. Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea are found to lead the region in terms of Internet hardware, as well as their networked communication and publishing skills. They are closely followed by Hong Kong and Singapore. Some distance behind are China and Malaysia. Finally, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Mongolia are under-equipped and under-skilled. These developments may also herald a possible bifurcation of cultures into online spectators and performers; a new form of a digital divide; and adjustments to the political power in some countries." URL:

<http://www.ciolek.com/PAPERS/oregon-2003-text.html>

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INTELLIGENCE

“Myth About Intelligence,” Stuart A. Cohen, (Former chairman of the National Intelligence Council in 2002) Op-Ed, WP11/28/03, A41. “Confronting allegations about the quality of the U.S. intelligence performance have forced senior intelligence officials to spend much of their time looking backward. I worry about the opportunities lost because of this preoccupation, but also that analysts laboring under a barrage of allegations will become more and more disinclined to make judgments that go beyond ironclad evidence—a scarce commodity in our business. If this is allowed to happen, the nation will be poorly served and ultimately much less secure. Fundamentally, the intelligence community increasingly will be in danger of not connecting the dots until the dots have become a straight line.”

“Reversal For Scholar Once Held By China: Former AU Researcher Pleads Guilty to Selling Technology to Beijing,” WP11/27/03, A1. “The hearing in U.S. District Court in Alexandria was a surprising reversal in the story of Gao Zhan a former American University Researcher, whose return from prison [in China] to her home in McLean in 2001 was much sought and much celebrated by the US. GAO, who is scheduled to be sentenced March 5, faces up to 13 years in prison for illegally exporting a controlled item and tax fraud.”

IRAQ ISSUES

11/28 - President George W. Bush’s surprise trip to Iraq. The entire trip lasted 30 hours and was not announced until after Bush left Baghdad. He spent two hours with U.S. forces in Iraq celebrating Thanksgiving.

IRAN ISSUES

11/26 - The International Atomic Energy Agency passes a resolution to censure Iran for its clandestine nuclear activities, but the resolution neither threatened sanctions directly nor referred the violations to the U.N. Security Council. The resolution represents a U.S.-European compromise: Washington wanted Security Council action on the issue, while the Europeans did not want any threats included in the resolution.

NORTH KOREA

“North Korea’s Plans for Its Economy Are Enigmatic: Capitalism Makes Inroads, But Leader’s Prime Goal Is to Return His Control,” WSJ 11/24/03. “I think [North Koreans’] goal is reform within the central-planning system, not a change of the system itself”, says Jo Dong Ho, head of North Korean research at the Korea Development Institute... Still, he says, it will be hard to reverse the trend of opening. “It will be impossible for them to go back 100% to the old system.”... That, in turn, will [be]... something that could imperil Kim Jong Il’s hold on power.”

UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN APPEAL 2004 FOR DPRK

><http://www.reliefweb.int/w/rwb.nsf/6686f45896f15dbc852567ae00530132/70d6b363abe71ac5c1256de1004906a0?OpenDocument>

“Excerpts on North Korea from the U.S. Democratic Candidates for President Debate in Iowa, November 25, 2003.” An excerpt of the portion on North Korea during the Democratic candidates' debate in Iowa sponsored by MSNBC and the Democratic National Committee, as transcribed by FDCH e-Media, Inc. This was originally published in *The New York Times* on November 24, 2003.

See: http://www.nautilus.org/pub/ftp/napsnet/special_reports/USDemDebateDPRK.txt

“The Sad Basis For U.S. North Korean Ties: As With Vietnam, the Search for American MIAs Could Lead to a Wider Relationship,” WSJ11/26/03, A14. “Vietnam experience shows that such talks can lead to broader rapprochement.”

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

“Nations Endorse Treaty To Clean Up Postwar Munitions,” WP11/29/03, A11. “More than 90 countries, including the US, tentatively agreed [that]...Under a treaty approved by member states of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), countries must remove or tell others how to find the unexploded cluster and mortar bombs, missiles and other weaponry of future wars...The new rules will be legally binding on signatory states, although there are no clear penalties for not complying.” See UN: <http://disarmament2.un.org/ccw/index.html>

“Pushing Technology And Fighting Skeptics: Missile Defense to Be Deployed in Election Year,” WP11/28/2003, A39. “Ronald T. Kadish, Air Force Lt. Gen., has been overseeing the controversial [Missile Defense] program since June 1999...The system...will rely on interceptor missiles launched from silos to chase down enemy warheads in space, a concept known as “hit to kill. Technological glitches and quality control problems designing new boosters for the interceptors have slowed development...But while acknowledging technical limitations, Kadish has declared that the basic hit-to-kill approach is sound and ready for deployment.” See US DOD: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/>

SOUTH ASIA

1/25 – India and Pakistan agree to a cease-fire along the Line of Control in Kashmir, effective Nov. 25. Pakistani Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali offered the cease-fire proposal Nov. 23; India accepted on the condition that the Saichen Glacier area be included.

SOUTH KOREA

“Roh Blocks Call for S Korean Funding Inquiry,” FT11/26/03, p8.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

“Thai Boom Is Raising Concerns: Bangkok Moves To Curb Speculation as Market Soars; Specter of 1997 Meltdown,” WSJ11/28/03, A6. “Signs that Thailand’s fast-growing economy may be overheating, coupled with government moves to curb speculation in stock, currency and property markets, are worrying some investors at a time when authorities face an interest-rate dilemma. On Wednesday, Thai stocks ended an eight-day slide, as a series of ratings upgrades by Moody’s Investors Service Inc. sparked a rise of more than 4% in the benchmark index.” See: <http://www.moodys.com>, **Asia Development Outlook**, http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/ADO/2003/ADO2003_PART2SEA.pdf#page=30

“Opposition in Philippines Seizes Moment to Make Some Noise: Critics Assail Leader Perceived as Vulnerable Ahead of Elections,” WP11/23/03, A24. “Panfilo Villaruel, former head of the Air Transport Office, urged Filipinos on live radio ‘to stand up and tell their leaders to wake up’ before government security forces shot and killed him Nov. 8... Many of the urban poor view Arroyo as the usurper of the legitimately elected president, Joseph Estrada, who was deposed in January 2001 by mass protests by middle-class Filipinos in the wake of an impeachment trial on corruption charges.”

TAIWAN

“Taiwan Legislators Step Back From Confronting China,” NYT 11/28/03, A3. “Legislature ...[passed] a bill that would allow national referendums on constitutional and sovereignty issues only under very narrow circumstances. The most important provision of [the bill] would make it hard for President Chen to hold a referendum to amend the Constitution.”

“Taiwan Acts to Ease Tensions With China: Legislature Makes Independence Vote Difficult,” WP 11/28/03, A43. “Taiwan [approved] a carefully worded referendum bill that would make it difficult, but not impossible, to call a vote on the island’s independence... But [Taiwanese President] Chen’s party managed to preserve one

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controversial provision that allows the president to call a ‘defensive, or emergency, referendum on national security issues—perhaps including independence—if the island’s sovereignty is threatened by outside forces.’”

“China Warns Taiwan Again On Issues of Independence: Official Vows ‘Strong Reaction If Referendum Law Is Passed,’” WP11/27/03, A14. “Taiwanese political parties immediately dismissed the threat and pushed ahead with plans to adopt the referendum legislation as early as Thursday. Emile Sheng, a scholar of Taiwanese politics at Soochow University in Taipei, said [Taiwanese President] Chen and his rivals were ‘trapped in a game of chicken. Because of the election, I don’t see anyone to back down.’”

“China Cornered Over Taiwan Rhetoric,” Stratfor 11/26/03. “The war of words across the Taiwan Strait is heating up as Taipei approaches a vote on a controversial referendum bill. Until recently, Beijing has not threatened action, but now that it has, it must follow through.” <http://www.stratfor.biz/Story.neo?storyId=225191>

TRADE

“Fair Trade, A Click Away,” Marcela Sanchez, (Washington Post Columnist) Op-Ed, WP 11/29/03, A23. “Consumers from the United States and elsewhere already have the choice to use the Internet to put their money directly in the hands of poor, small and remote producers... We shop in a world economy whether we like it or not. The choice some consumers are making—and hopefully more make in the future—is to purchase products that more directly benefit those currently left behind.”

5) WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Falun Dafa Information Center

Falun Gong’s official US site. *Site contents:* * FAQ; * Death Cases; * Search; * About InfoCenter; *Contact Us; * Top Story; * Top InfoCenter Stories; * Top World News Stories; * In Depth; * Weekly Newsletter; * Subscribe to Falun Gong Today and Breaking News Stories; * Fact File; * Special Reports (Jiang's Personal Crusade, Freedom Under Attack, Women of Conscience, Psychiatric Abuses Report, Amnesty Intl. Report, Torture Locations Report, Go to Download Area); * Compassion Magazine; * Common Questions; * Links (FalunDafa.org, Faluninfo Europe, Faluninfo Spanish, Faluninfo Chinese, Faluninfo Japanese, Friends of Falun Gong, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights).

URL: <http://www.faluninfo.net/>

6) KEY & QUICK NEWS LINKS

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- *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>
- *Japan Digest (JD): <http://www.japandigest.com>
- *New York Times (NYT): <http://www.nytimes.com>
- *Nikkei (NK): <http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp>
- *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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