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<TITLE>"Chiutou" (Autumn Struggle), Appeal, Laborer, Protest, Taiwan</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles containing Taiwan laborers' appeal in the "Chiutou" (Autumn Struggle) protest and the laborer policies proposed by Government in 1998</DESC>
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<BACK>The "Chiutou" (Autumn Struggle) protest of Taiwan laborers is held every November 12th. I would like to know the appeals the laborers proposed to the Council of Labor Affairs in Executive Yuan in 1998 and what laborer policy points the Council of Labor Affairs promised at that time.</BACK>
<REL>The appeals of laborers are relevant. Feedback of the Council of Labor Affairs for appeals of the laborer policy points is relevant as well. The process of the protest is not relevant.</REL>
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<CONC>Laborer, protest, Council of Labor Affairs, Appeal, Laborer Policy</CONC>
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<TITLE>Jonnie Walker, Charity Golf Tournament, Taiwan</TITLE>
<DESC>Find out who joined the Jonnie Walker Charity Golf Tournament in Taiwan in 1999 and the related activities</DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>Tiger Woods visited Taiwan to join the Jonnie Walker Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by Jonnie Walker and UDN Group at the Hung-hsi-ta-hsi golf course after the Chichi 921 earthquake in 1999. Besides playing golf, he also raised funds for reconstruction after the Chichi 921 earthquake. I would like to know which international celebrities joined this tournament and the fund-raising activities in which they participated.</BACK>
<REL>Basic information about international golf celebrities who joined this

tournament in Taiwan and their fund-raising activities are relevant. Process of the competition and the results are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Jonnie Walker, Golf, Tiger Woods, Fund-raising, Chichi 921 earthquake</CONC>

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<TITLE>Embryonic Stem Cells</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles introducing human embryonic stem cells</DESC>

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<BACK>Two American research groups have successfully cultivated human embryonic stem cells in their laboratories in 1998, and they believe that this research can be applied to cultivation of any tissue from cardiac muscles to brain tissue. I would like to know about applications and attributes of embryonic stem cells in medical science, whether or not there are ethic disputes, and if so, what they are.</BACK>

<REL>Documents containing introductions of applications, medical attributes and ethic disputes are relevant. The research process of the scientist is not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>embryonic stem cells, medical attributes, application, ethic, dispute</CONC>

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<TITLE>Florence Griffith Joyner, FloJo</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles introducing Florence Griffith Joyner</DESC>

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<BACK>Florence Griffith Joyner, known as "FloJo," the world's fastest woman, died of

a heart attack on Sep. 21st, 1998. She broke the 100 meter dash world record with a time of 10.49 seconds in the Trials for the 1988 Seoul Olympic. Please query important athletic events of "FloJo", Florence Griffith Joyner, including reports about her awards and suspicion of illegal drug use.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about important events of Florence Griffith Joyner's athletic career such as awards and reports about suspicion of illegal drug use at the 1988 Olympic in Seoul, South Korea are relevant. Documents containing only public opinions on her death and memorial activities are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>FloJo, Track and Field Female Athlete, Florence Griffith Joyner, Illegal Drugs, Olympic in Seoul, Awards</CONC>

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<TITLE>Dioxin, Human body, Effect, Threat</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles describing Dioxin and its effects on the human body</DESC>

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<BACK>Fowl products of Belgium were polluted by Dioxin in 1999. Because dairy products of Belgium are exported to countries all around the world, customers of importing countries were afraid of buying contaminated products. Therefore, stores around the world removed products from shelves and prohibited the importation of Belgium products in order to secure the health of civilians. Please query an introduction to Dioxin and what threat and danger it might cause the human body.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about introduction to Dioxin and its threat to human bodies are relevant. Reports on Dioxin pollution in Belgium and other countries only are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Dioxin, Threat, Effect, Human Body</CONC>

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<TITLE>NBA, Michael Jordan, Retirement</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles containing the reasons for NBA Star Michael Jordan's retirement and what effect it had on the Chicago Bulls</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Michael Jordan announced his retirement at the summit of his career in 1999, but world basketball fans were unwilling to let him go. The press reported on this news in headlines, and it was a hot topic of conversation for a long time. As a matter of fact, Jordan had announced his retirement in Oct. 1993 but returned to the Bulls. I want to know the reasons for his retirement announcement and the effect on the Bulls.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about the retirement of Michael Jordan and its effects on the Bulls are relevant. Public opinions of Jordan's retirement announcement are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC> NBA, Michael Jordan, Retirement, the Bulls</CONC>

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<TITLE>Panama Canal, Return, the Torrijos-Carter Treaty</TITLE>

<DESC>Query the history of the Panama Canal and problems after signing the Torrijos-Carter treaty about the return of the canal</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The sovereignty of the Panama Canal was returned to Panama by the U.S. government at the end of 1999. The handover was based on the Torrijos-Carter treaty signed by then U.S. president Jimmy Carter and Panamanian military leader and dictator General Omar Torrijos Herrera in 1979. After a 20 year wait, the return of the canal had finally come. I want to know how the Panama Canal was built and about problems after its return to Panama.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about the history of the Panama Canal by countries and the management problems after its return to Panama are relevant. Its effects on the U.S. after the handover are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>the Panama Canal, Handover, the U.S., Sovereign, Return, the Torrijos-Carter Treaty</CONC>

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<TITLE>Viagra</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on research and production of Viagra and its side effects</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The small, blue pill Viagra has attracted the eyes of the male, and after it went on the market, there were boosts in global markets. It gave hope to men with sexual disability. However, some people have experienced side effects after taking it. I want to know about which company researched and produced Viagra under what circumstances and possible side effects.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about the research and production of Viagra, research companies and possible side effects are relevant. Others are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Viagra, Side Effects, Research</CONC>

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<TITLE>Japan, South Korea, Fishery Agreement</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on the content of the final fishery agreement between Japan and South Korea</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>There are frequent disputes between Japan and South Korea because of the 35 years of colonized reign. Things worsened in January of 1998 when Japan announced the abolishment of the fishery agreement of 1965. Finally, in September of 1998, a new fishery agreement between Japan and South Korea was reached despite disputes over the sovereignty of the isles. It marked an end to eight months of serious disputes between the two countries. Please query the content of this new agreement for things such as allocation of fishing areas and results of negotiation.</BACK>

<REL>Documents of reports on the final fishery agreement are relevant. Reports on historical disputes and events between Japan and South Korea are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Japan, South Korea, Fishery Agreement, Isles, Fishing Area</CONC>

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<TITLE>Hu Jintao, Visit, Japan, Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the activities of the Standing Committee member of Politburo China and Hu Jintao's visit to Japan or Korea in 1998.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Hu Jintao, ranking 5th in the Standing Committee member of Politburo China, left Beijing for a visit to Japan and South Korea on April 21st, 1998. It was his first diplomatic visit after being elected Vice President of the National Council in China in March of 1998. Hu Jintao had a five day official visit to Japan and visited South Korea from the 26th to the 30th. Please query important scheduled activities of Hu Jintao's visit.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about reports of Hu Jintao's visit to Japan or Korea are relevant. Comments about this visit from other countries are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Hu Jintao, Japan, South Korea, Visit, Activities</CONC>

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<TITLE>Wang Dan, the 4th of June Tiananmen Event, Global Signing Movement, Memorial Activities</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles containing the global signing activities and related activities in memory of the 10th anniversary of the 4th of June Tiananmen event</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>As leader of the Chinese student democratic movement the Tiananmen event, Wang Dan started the global signing memorial movement. He urged the Chinese government to make even the 9th of August movement, to trace people who were responsible for the 4th of June event and to console families of the dead. People from all around the world's 120 countries signed to prove that the 9th of August democratic movement and the 4th of June slaughter event in Tiananmen Square are not only China internal affairs or Chinese affairs but a subject of world concern. Please query the world signing movement including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada, the U.S. and other countries and memorial activities held in countries around the world.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about signing movement of world's countries and reports of the activities in memory of the 10th anniversary all around the world are relevant. Articles containing only reports and comments on "The 4th of June Tiananmen Event" are irrelevant</REL>

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<CONC>the 4th of June Tiananmen event, 10th anniversary, Wang Dan, Global signing movement, memorial activities</CONC>

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<TITLE>Director, Akira Kurosawa</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the important events of Director Akira Kurosawa</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The well known international director Akira Kurosawa passed away in 1998 at age 88. His classic movies include The Seven Samurai and Rashomon. Akira Kurosawa's works enlightened many upcoming directors in Japan and the U.S. The Festival International du Film de Cannes in 1985 gave him an award of special achievement for his 28th film "Ran". Please find important life events of Akira Kurosawa including his film career and record of awards.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about Akira Kurosawa's film career and special awards are relevant. Documents about memorial activities of film industries of various countries are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Akira Kurosawa, director, films, record of awards, life events</CONC>

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<TITLE>Japan, Prime Minister, Keizo Obuchi, Visit, The U.S.</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to Japan Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's visit to the U.S.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi started his visit to the U.S. on April 29th, 1998. This was the first official visit of a Japanese Prime Minister to the U.S. in 12 years. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi brought "gifts" to the U.S. in this visit including cooperative guidelines of economic policies, international financial support and a cooperative defense plan to bring a new stage to the security system between Japan and the U.S. Please query the contents of activities of this visit including Japan's offering of support and the cooperative agreement between Japan and the U.S., etc.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's visit to the U.S. are relevant. Viewpoints and opinions of other countries are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Keizo Obuchi, Japan, the U.S., Cooperative guideline on defense between Japan and the U.S., economic policies, international financial support</CONC>

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<TITLE>Environmental Hormone</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the effects and threats to human beings caused by environmental hormones</DESC>

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<BACK>Japan has been highly concerned about environmental hormones. The Science Society of Japan established the Association of Environmental Hormones to work on related research in 1998. The term "environmental hormone" was coined by Professor Iguchi Taisen of Yokohama City University, Japan to refer to "endocrine-disturbing materials from the exterior environment", which are usually artificial chemosynthetic materials. Some of these artificial chemosynthetic materials pollute the environment and come back to human (or animal) bodies through the food chain. They can simulate natural hormones and further affect basic biological adjustment functions of our bodies. I want to know what known effects and threats environmental hormones cause to human bodies.</BACK>

<REL>Documents about the diseases or threats caused by environmental hormones are relevant. The definition of environmental hormones and an introduction of their features are not relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Environmental hormone, Japan, Iguchi Taisen, endocrine, natural hormone, environment, food chain</CONC>

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<TITLE>Expert, Opinion, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Asian countries</TITLE>

<DESC>Find expert critical opinion on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) policy on Asian countries</DESC>

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<BACK>

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) presented many measures to deal with the economic crisis related to foreign exchange in Asian countries and Russia, and there are various opinions on these measures.

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<REL>

Expert critical opinion and criticism on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) countermeasures on Asian countries is relevant. Self-criticism by the IMF itself is also relevant. Critical opinions of government officials of the countries directly involved are partially relevant. Articles that simply describe the IMF's policy or negotiation between the IMF and the involved country are irrelevant.

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<CONC>International Monetary Fund, IMF, foreign exchange crisis, economic crisis, Asia, influence</CONC>

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<TITLE>North Korea, Missile, Test, Firing</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on North Korea's long-range missile test-firing</DESC>

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<BACK>

North Korea is showing considerable progress on long-range ground-to-ground missile development and officially announced that they test fired one "Daepo Dong I."

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<REL>

Relevant articles should address North Korea's long-range ground-to-ground missile test-firing with test-firing plans or evidence of test-firing. Articles that include the missile's specifications including the range are also relevant. Articles mainly

discussing a foreign country's reaction to the missile test-firing are partially relevant.

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<CONC>North Korea, ground-to-ground missile, long-range missile, missile, range, intercontinental, Daepo Dong</CONC>

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<TITLE>Research, Effort, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on efforts and research to overcome Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)</DESC>

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<BACK>

The danger of AIDS is already well known and scientists and research institutions are performing research to find the cause of infection, route of infection, and prevention.

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<REL>

Articles related to research and development in order to overcome AIDS that refer to concrete descriptions of vaccines and discovery of the causes or routes of infection are relevant. Articles simply about someone infected with AIDS or incidents related to that person are irrelevant. Simple statistics on people infected with AIDS or countries are partially relevant.

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<CONC>AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, vaccine, infection</CONC>

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<TITLE>Teenager, Social Problem</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles dealing with a teenage social problem</DESC>

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<BACK>

As materialism appears in many aspects of society, many incidents related to young teenagers are becoming a major social problem.

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<REL>

Articles dealing with specific incidents or social problems related to teenagers (age 11 to 19) that show a summary or background story of an incident (problem) and information on the teenagers are relevant. Articles only addressing general criticisms on youth problems are irrelevant. Incidents or social problems where teenagers are mentioned but are not the main issue are partially relevant.

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<CONC>teenager social problem, youth problem, youth, teenager, human traffic, runaway, robbery, suicide, sexual abuse</CONC>

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<TITLE>International incidents at Sea</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about international incidents at sea, involving more than one country</DESC>

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<BACK>

Due to the increase in international commerce, foreign vessels enter and leave ports, and vessels of various nationalities sail or fish in the high seas.

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Articles listing all of the names of countries or places on the high seas where an incident occurred and the nationality of vessels involved in the incident are relevant. Accidents that occurred to vessels in their own country's sea are irrelevant. Articles

explaining ways to manage international incidents on the seas are partially relevant.

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<CONC>accidents at sea, ship strand, ship sink, tanker sink, oil spill, rescue operation
at sea</CONC>

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<TITLE>Y2K, Problems, Industry</TITLE>

<DESC>Searching for document describing problems related to the Y2K bug in
industry </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>

The Y2K bug (or the millennium bug) is a computer code defect in the recognition of
the year 2000. Because manufacturing companies around the world believe that the
level of preparation against the Y2K bug in their products reflects the quality of their
products, companies are dealing with this problem seriously.

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<REL>

Documents describing problems in industries related to the method, management, etc
of dealing with the Y2K bug (or the millennium bug) and documents describing and
analyzing possible problems are relevant. Documents containing problems only related
to government, individuals, or the households are irrelevant.

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<CONC> Y2K, millennium bug, recognition</CONC>

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<TITLE> Electronic Signature, Electronic Commercial Transaction</TITLE>

<DESC>Searching for documents related to electronic signatures required in electronic commercial transactions</DESC>

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<BACK>

The buying and selling of products through computer communications networks like the Internet are expanding rapidly. Consequently, the electronic signature is becoming an important concept to legally guarantee transactions.

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<REL>

Of the documents that deal with electronic signatures that play an essential role in e-commerce, relevant documents should introduce the role and concept of the electronic signature or discuss details and trends of regulating the law so that electronic signatures will have a legal effect. Documents that simply contain the words electronic signature are irrelevant.

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<CONC>e-commerce, electronic commercial transaction, electronic signature, electronic certification, certification system</CONC>

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<TITLE>Legal Management, Kia Motors, Opinion</TITLE>

<DESC>Searching for articles with professional opinions about Kia Motors' legal management</DESC>

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<BACK>

Because the insolvency of Korea's Kia Motors Corporation is indicated as one of the main causes of Korea's economic crisis, there was serious national controversy in how to handle the insolvency of the company.

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<REL>

Documents that describe opinions or the criticism made by government bureaucrats or professionals about the process to legally manage Korea's Kia Motors and the problems involved are relevant. Documents that simply include legal and administrative facts are irrelevant.

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<CONC>Kia Motors, legal management</CONC>

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<TITLE>Divorce, Family Discord, Criticisms</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles describing criticisms on family discord such as divorce, separation, etc. </DESC>

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<BACK>

As a consequence of the society's tendency to form nuclear families and maximize the individual's freedom, divorces and separations are increasing heavily.

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Articles related to divorces and separation describing divorce (separation) statistics, reasons of divorce (separation), social problems such as child problems of divorced (separated) families, etc are relevant. Articles only recording someone's divorce, separation or remarriage are not relevant.

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<CONC>divorce, separation, divorce statistics, divorce reason, child problem, family discord, beating, adultery</CONC>

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<TITLE>Illegal Tapping, Violation, Privacy</TITLE>

<DESC>Searching for documents dealing with the violation of people's privacy due to illegal tapping</DESC>

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<BACK>

Of the negative effects caused by the improvement of information and telecommunication technology, illegal tapping has become a major international concern.

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Relevant documents should introduce incidents about the violation of an individual's privacy due to illegal tapping. Documents including a plan to solve the problem of illegal tapping, which are stated by concerned authorities, are partially relevant. Information introducing the technology and equipment involved in tapping or dealing with tapping to gain national-level military facts is irrelevant.

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<CONC>wiretapping, wiretapping device, privacy</CONC>

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<TITLE>Report, Unemployment Rate Depreciation, South Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles containing contents from reports on the decline of the unemployment rate as South Korea overcame the foreign exchange crisis</DESC>

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<BACK>

As South Korea began to overcome the foreign exchange crisis, the unemployment rate began to decrease.

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<REL>

Articles containing contents from reports issued by identified organizations such as the National Statistical Office on the decline of the unemployment rate after the foreign exchange crisis are relevant. Articles about the unemployment rate before the foreign exchange crisis are irrelevant. Articles containing information without the name of the source are not relevant.

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<CONC>Unemployment rate, National Statistical Office, Organization related to economy, foreign exchange crisis</CONC>

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<TITLE>China, Reaction, Taiwan, Diplomatic Relations</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles that show China's reaction to Taiwan's establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries</DESC>

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<BACK>

Taiwan is making efforts to establish relations with foreign countries such as North Korea, Macedonia, etc. as well as expanding existing relations. China is showing negative reactions.

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<REL>

Articles recording China's reaction to Taiwan's attempt to establish and strengthen diplomatic relations with foreign countries are relevant. Articles that interpret China's actions in international conferences or international organizations that are related to Taiwan's attempt to strengthen diplomatic relations are also relevant.

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<CONC>Taiwan, Macedonia, amity, China, reaction, retaliation</CONC>

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<TITLE>China, Stationing, Weapons, Taiwan</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles showing China's military actions against Taiwan such as deployment of missiles, etc. </DESC>

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<BACK>

In order to keep alert against Taiwan, China is taking military actions against Taiwan such as deployment of missiles, etc.

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<REL>

Articles showing China's military actions against Taiwan such as deployment of missiles near Taiwan and developing new arms are relevant. Articles containing Taiwanese government speeches, reaction, etc. that suggest the fact that China is taking military actions, even if the articles do not show it directly, are relevant. China's usual military drills and relocations that are not military actions against Taiwan are irrelevant.

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<CONC>China, Taiwan, arms disposition, military disposition, missile disposition</CONC>

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<TITLE>Japan, Amendment, Law, Self-Defense Force</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles discussing Japan's amendment of the law for the Self-Defense Force. </DESC>

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<BACK>

An opinion of the necessity for amendment of the law for the Japanese Self-Defense Force was brought up following the incident of the pursuit and the firing upon two ships of unknown identity.

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<REL>

Articles about comments on Japan's amendment of the law for the Self-Defense Force by Japanese government officials or organizations, or on the examination of the law for the Japanese Self-Defense Force are relevant. Articles about the reaction of government officials or organizations of countries other than Japan related to Japan's discussion about amending the law for the Japanese Self-Defense Force are partially relevant.

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<CONC>Self-Defense Force, Japan, law for the Self-Defense Force, amendment, ship of unknown identity, firing, pursuit</CONC>

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<TITLE>Earthquake, Taiwan</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about earthquakes that occurred in Taiwan. </DESC>

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<BACK>

In the early morning of September 21, 1999, a very strong earthquake occurred in Taiwan.

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<REL>

Articles dealing with contents on the epicenter, intensity, casualties, and rescue operation after the earthquake that occurred in Taiwan on September 21, 1999 and on the influence the earthquake had on the Taiwanese economy and other Asian countries are relevant. The relevant articles have to include the epicenter, intensity and casualties of the earthquake and at least one name of a country or a company of a related country. Articles dealing with contents on the efforts of various countries to

support the restoration are partially relevant. Articles dealing with the influence the earthquake in Taiwan had on the world economy are partially relevant. Contents on earthquakes that occurred in other places than Taiwan are irrelevant. Articles on earthquakes that occurred in Taiwan before or after September 21, 1999 are also irrelevant.

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<CONC>earthquake, intensity, epicenter, rescue operation, Taiwan, Chichi 921 earthquake </CONC>

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<TITLE>Animal Cloning Technique</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles introducing different countries' animal cloning techniques.

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The birth of Dolly, the cloned sheep, at the Roslin research institute of England on July 5, 1996 is evaluated as the opening of a new world in genetics. Dolly was created through a method totally different from the existing one, which created identical twins by splitting the fertilized egg. The new method involved the removing of a somatic cell of a six year old ewe and transplanting a nucleus. Consequently, animal cloning using the same method is happening in many countries

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<REL>

Articles about the present state of animal cloning techniques of different countries that include cloning techniques, cloned animals and research institutes or researchers are relevant. Articles containing contents of embryo experiments related to human cloning or criticism of human cloning are partially relevant. Articles introducing books related to animal cloning are irrelevant. Contents on illegally copying software are irrelevant.

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<CONC>animal cloning, human cloning, cloning technique, DNA, gene, cloned sheep, Dolly, genetics, bioengineering</CONC>

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<TITLE>Actions, NATO force, Yugoslavia</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about the actions taken by NATO soldiers against the massacre of the people of Albanian origin when Yugoslavia's Serbian ground troops invaded Kosovo</DESC>

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<BACK>

A massacre of civilians, intellectuals, journalists, and independence movement leaders of Albanian origin occurred in the Kosovo war, which broke out when Yugoslavia's Serbian ground troops opposing the self-government of Kosovo invaded Kosovo. One of the states of Yugoslavia and NATO decided that this incident, following the 1991 ~ 1995 genocide in Bosnia, was Serbia's second genocide of the people of Albanian origin and participated in the Kosovo war.

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<REL>

Relevant documents that report on NATO's air raids against Yugoslavia, which caused a massacre of the people of Albanian origin, and contain information on air strike areas, methods, and the names of countries that participated in the strikes are relevant. There has to be at least two names of countries participating in the strike. Criticisms of NATO's air raids or contents on the cessation of the Kosovo war are irrelevant. Articles dealing with the different viewpoints of press reporters about the Kosovo war are also irrelevant.

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<CONC>Kosovo, Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, NATO, Serbia, Serbia forces, Albania, people of Albanian origin, genocide, invasion, air raid, massacre</CONC>

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<TITLE>Indonesia's Political Crisis, America's Stand</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles containing America's stand on Indonesia's political crisis</DESC>

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<BACK>

Countries of South East Asia including Indonesia were in a time of unsteadiness as they went through economic crisis.

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<REL>

Articles containing statements made by Clinton, America's president, or high ranking American government officials about Indonesia's political crisis are relevant. Articles that simply describe Indonesia's political crisis are not relevant.

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<CONC>Indonesia, political crisis, America, USA</CONC>

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<TITLE>Research, Protein</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on the research of protein for elimination of diseases</DESC>

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<BACK>

Research to use protein to eliminate diseases, such as cancer, and to develop new medicine is being conducted.

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<REL>

Articles containing details or results of the research on separation, synthesis, structure

of proteins, etc. in order to cure diseases or to develop new medicine are relevant. Documents on basic research that is not directly related to the elimination of diseases are partially relevant. Contents on health, or preservation of health, even if they are not related to the elimination of diseases, are partially relevant.

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<CONC>protein, cure, new medicine, separation, protein synthesis, structure, disease, health, preservation of health</CONC>

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<TITLE>Tokyo provincial governor, Election</TITLE>

<DESC> Find articles on the election of the Tokyo provincial governor.</DESC>

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<BACK>

There was an election of the Tokyo provincial governor on April 11th, 1999. An electoral campaign took place with a great number of candidates.

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<REL>

Articles mentioning the names of candidates running for the election and their political orientation, assertions, and claims for an estimated rate of public support are relevant. If there is only one of the three aspects (political orientation, assertions, and an estimated rate of public support) then the article is partially relevant.

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<CONC>Tokyo, provincial governor, election, assertion, rate of public support, inclination</CONC>

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<TITLE>Illegality, Corruption, Public Officers</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles recording the illegality and corruption of public officers</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>

Various corruption incidents related to public officers are coming to light by public prosecutors and police investigations.

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<REL>

Articles dealing with illegality and corruption such as illegal solicitation and bribery related to public officers that show the name or rank of the people involved and the monetary values are relevant. Contents related to educational institutions in charge of social public tasks, although they are not legal public officers or people engaged in civil organization are partially relevant.

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<CONC>public officer, educational public service, civil organization, civil servants, illegality, corruption, bribe</CONC>

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<TITLE>AIDS, Number of Infected Persons </TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles describing fluctuations in the number of persons infected with AIDS. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The number of persons infected with AIDS (HIV) continues to rise. Whereas rapid progress can be seen in the development of medications in developed nations, developing nations, including those in sub-Saharan Africa, still lack sufficient funds to purchase medications, and this has become a serious problem as it is related to poverty and holds the possibility of influencing the population structure.</BACK>

<REL>Articles on the development of new medicines or lawsuits on the harmful effects

of drugs are relevant if they mention anything about changes in the number of persons infected with AIDS (HIV). Articles on the establishment of specific organizations and so forth due to the spread of AIDS (HIV), the results or circumstances of individual lawsuits, or issues concerning the human rights of infected persons are irrelevant unless they mention fluctuation in the number of persons infected. </REL>

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<CONC>AIDS (HIV), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Number of Infected Persons, Changes, Fluctuations, Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia, Kaposi's Sarcoma, World Health Organization (WHO), US Center for Disease Control (CDC)</CONC>

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<TITLE>North Korea, Starvation, Response</TITLE>

<DESC>How are various countries or international organizations' activities for starvation in North Korea? </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>North Korea is said to be facing severe food difficulties due to major flooding in 1994, and the fact that several million people have died from starvation since 1995 has been reported. The United Nations investigated and reported the causes behind and the situation surrounding the food shortage in North Korea in 1998. </BACK>

<REL>Articles discussing various countries' or international organizations' activities addressing starvation or the food shortage in North Korea are relevant. Articles on military or trade measures formulated in response to military activities in North Korea are relevant if they touch on the topic of starvation in North Korea. </REL>

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<CONC>North Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, United Nations, International Federation of the Red Cross, UNICEF, U.N. World Food Program (WFP), Starvation, Famine, Food Shortage, Starve to Death, Agricultural System, Agricultural Policy, U.N. Development Program, Korea, America, Japan, Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), Aid, Support, NGO</CONC>

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<TITLE>Nanotechnology, Realization, Research Trends</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles describing what nanotechnology is, what it can realize, or what the latest trends in research are.</DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>Nanotechnology can be used to freely control the arrangement of atoms and molecules on a nano-scale (10⁻⁹ m) and is used to realize and produce materials with the desired qualities and devices capable of the desired performance. Given its relevance to the foundation of a wide range of industries, such as material science, IT and Bioscience, nanotechnology is regarded as a key technology for the 21st century.</BACK>
<REL>Any of the terms such as nanotechnology, ultra precise technology, or nano-technology are in use, so articles pertaining to their definitions or content are relevant. Articles on the history of nano-technology are also relevant.</REL>
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<CONC>
Nano-technology, Ultra Precise Technology, Nano-technology, Nano-tech, Nano-scale, Nano-matter, Quantum Computer, Industry-academia-government Collaboration, Nano-electronics, Hydrogen Storage for Fuel Cells, Atom, STM, C60 Molecules
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<TITLE>Foreign Workers, Expulsion, Human Rights</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the movement to expel foreign workers or their human rights</DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>The West, Japan and a number of other developed countries have accepted

foreign workers to supplement the workforce, but a movement to expel foreign workers is building up due to the recession and problems involving human rights and so forth are developing. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to the expulsion of foreign workers or human rights are relevant. Articles concerning acceptance of foreign engineers with expertise in fields such as IT (Information Technology) as a measure for making more active use of foreign workers are also relevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Foreign Workers, Expulsion, Employment, Recession, Unemployment, Unemployment Rate, IT (Information Technology), Software, Technical Workers, World Conference Against Racism (WCAR), Racial Discrimination, Human Rights, NGO, Illegal Labor, Resident Status, Visa, Multicultural, Coexistence

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<TITLE>Soccer, World Cup, Ticket Problems</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to incidents involving problems with tickets for the Soccer World Cup.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>At the Soccer World Cup held in France in 1998, tickets remained undelivered even immediately before games, and chaos reigned among spectators seeking tickets in the vicinity of stadiums on the days of matches. France's consultants sold short on tickets and this came to involve the Head Office in France.</BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to incidents or frauds arising from the shortage of tickets are relevant. Articles on supporters involved in the ticket issue are partially relevant. Articles that only describe the ticket shortage are not relevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Soccer, World Cup, W Cup, Ticket, Shortage, Fraud, Scalper, Supporter, ISL France, FIFA</CONC>

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<TITLE>Cellular Phone, Internet, Service </TITLE>
<DESC>What kind of unique internet services can be received on cellular phones?</DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>In Japan, NTT DoCoMo Inc. launched its cellular phone-based internet service i-Mode on February 22, 1999. This service enables users to use their cellular phone not only to send and receive e-mail, but also for mobile banking, access to information on where to change trains, incoming call signal melodies and a variety of other services.</BACK>
<REL>Articles describing specific internet services accessible via cellular phones, irrespective of country or company, are relevant. Articles on Web pages and e-mail accessible via cellular phones are relevant. Articles on internet services that use equipment other than cellular phones are irrelevant. </REL>
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<CONC>Cellular Phone, PHS, Internet, Service, i-mode, ezweb, J-Sky, e-mail, Mobile Banking</CONC>
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<TITLE>Apple Computer, New Products, Achievements</TITLE>
<DESC>Find documents pertaining to Apple Computer's achievements or new products. </DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>Although shares in Apple Computers fell significantly at the settling of accounts for fiscal '97, Steve Jobs announced new products such as the iMac and the iBook, and the iMac became a big hit as counterfeit was sold. Apple Computers went back into the black in fiscal '98.

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<REL>Articles pertaining to new products announced by Apple Computers or their achievements are relevant. Articles without measurable achievements and information on new products are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Apple Computers, New Products, Achievements, Mac OS, Steve Jobs, iMac, iBook</CONC>

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<TITLE>Derivative, Loss</TITLE>

<DESC>What are derivatives, or provide some cases studies of losses resulting from them</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The term "derivative" refers to certain types of derivative financial instruments such as futures or options. In 1998, events such as Yakult's loss of 64.8 billion yen and Princeton Fund's dealt by Cresvale International Ltd. went into default on all financial obligations truly illustrated their distinctly speculative nature.

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<REL>Articles including explanations of derivatives or providing examples of resulting losses are relevant. Articles pertaining to incidents in which lawsuits resulted from derivatives are partially relevant. Articles about financial matters in general that just touch on derivatives are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Derivative, Derivative Financial Instrument, Yakult, Cresvale International Ltd., Credit Suisse, Hedge Fund</CONC>

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<TITLE>Iraq, Weapons of Mass Destruction, United Nations Inspections</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles discussing American and Iraqi trends towards United Nations inspections for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>In October 1997, Iraq ordered American inspectors from the United Nations Special Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction (UNSCOM) to leave the country "on suspicion of spying". Foreign Ministers from the five permanent member states of the Security Council then convened an emergency meeting and decided to re-open inspections in Iraq. However, in January 1998, Iraq refused inspections once again because of the structure of the inspection team. Although President Clinton stressed that he would take military action if Iraq did not comply fully with the inspections, Secretary General Anan of the United Nations visited Baghdad and Iraq accepted unconditional inspections by the United Nations Special Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction. America accepted this and use of American military action was avoided.

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<REL>Articles pertaining to American and Iraqi trends towards United Nations Inspections of Iraq are relevant. Articles pertaining to other countries' trends are partially relevant. Articles discussing experts' commentary on such inspections are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Iraq, United Nations Inspections, Weapons of Mass Destruction, President Hussein, President Clinton, United Nations Special Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction (UNSCOM), Kofi Anan</CONC>

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<TITLE>Sexual Harassment, Lawsuits</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles referring to incidents involving sexual harassment lawsuits.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Sexual harassment lawsuits occur frequently ever since suspicions were raised about President Clinton and a former trainee. In Japan as well, an incident in which Knock Yokoyama, former governor of Osaka sexually harassed a campaign worker became an issue and resulted in Mr. Yokoyama paying a fine of 10 million yen. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to incidents resulting in trials for sexual harassment are relevant. Articles commenting on sexual harassment trials are partially relevant. Articles solely concerned with sexual harassment are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Sexual Harassment, Academic Harassment, Lawsuit, Trial, President Clinton, Monica Lewinski, Knock Yokoyama </CONC>

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<TITLE>Cancer, Genetic Treatment</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on cases involving cancer gene therapy or its mechanism.

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<NARR>

<BACK>Three years after Hokkaido University performed the first gene therapy in Japan, the Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo performed the second case of such therapy with the approval of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. This comprised the first case of cancer gene therapy. In America, gene therapy has already been used in more than 150 cases, and Japan is falling behind. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to cases of cancer gene therapy or its mechanism are relevant. Articles pertaining to recognition of cancer gene therapy are partially relevant. Articles on the use of gene therapy for diseases other than cancer are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Gene Therapy, Cancer, DNA, Cell, Chromosome, Cancer Suppressor Gene</CONC>

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<TITLE>Energy Saving, Technology, Energy Consumption</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles about specific examples of energy saving technology or their effects on energy consumption. </DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>Following the Kyoto Conference (The 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in 1997, a variety of energy saving technology have been developed to prevent warming. Eco-cars with reduced CO2 emissions and environmentally-friendly houses designed to utilize the effects of sunlight are examples of these. Moves to recycle waste heat/waste and energy are on the increase.</BACK>
<REL>Articles pertaining to specific examples of energy saving technology or their effects on energy consumption are relevant. Articles on trends in energy saving technology or energy consumption are partially relevant. </REL>
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<CONC>Energy Saving, Technology, Energy Consumption, CO2, Sunlight, Eco-car, Environmentally-friendly House, Eco-house</CONC>
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<TITLE>International Space Station, Construction</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles pertaining to progress in construction of the international space station. </DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>The International Space Station is an international cooperation project with peaceful goals in which Japan, Europe, Canada and Russia cooperate with the United States. Constructed at an altitude of 400 kilometers above the earth's orbit, it performs research into the development of new materials and life sciences, observation of

celestial bodies and the earth, and so forth. </BACK>

<REL>Articles reporting in detail the status of progress in the planning or construction of the International Space Station are relevant. Articles discussing use of the International Space Station, experiments undertaken, problematic issues or evaluations of such matters are partially relevant. Articles on other topics that merely mention the planning of its construction are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>International Space Station, Construction, International Cooperation Project, Agreement on Space Base Cooperation, Space Development, National Space Development Agency of Japan, Rocket, Space Experiment</CONC>

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<TITLE>East Timor Issue, President Habibie</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on the actions of President Habibie concerning the East Timor Issue.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Pro-Indonesia and pro-independence forces are in fierce confrontation in East Timor, Indonesia. In May 1998, President Habibie, who came to power following the resignation of President Suharto(Soeharto), declared measures to approve independence in January 1999, and has since conducted a referendum on independence. President Wahid's election in general elections the following October put an end to his short-lived power.</BACK>

<REL>Articles conveying the actions or comments of President Habibie or his Administration are relevant. Articles simply predicting his actions or describing other individuals' evaluations of President Habibie are partially relevant. Articles on East Timor that are unrelated to President Habibie and personal profiles unrelated to this issue are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Indonesia, East Timor, Independence Issue, Pro-independence Forces, Pro-Indonesia Forces, President Habibie, the Habibie Administration, Local Referendum</CONC>

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<TITLE>Underground Nuclear Test, Protest </TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about protests against underground nuclear tests. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Whilst major nuclear powers have suspended nuclear tests, India enforced underground nuclear tests after a hiatus of 24 years. Pakistan then conducted similar tests in rivalry with this. America conducted its fourth sub-critical nuclear tests in September 1998. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to specific protest movements or comments by individuals, groups and governments opposed to underground nuclear tests are relevant. Reports predicting the circumstances of these tests or each country's responses are partially relevant. Articles pertaining to the background leading up to implementation of underground nuclear tests are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Prime Minister Vajpayee, Prime Minister Sharif, Nuclear Test, Nuclear Weapon, Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Department of Energy, Sub-critical Nuclear Experiment Antinuclear Group, India, Pakistan, America</CONC>

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<TITLE>F117, Stealth Fighter</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about F117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighters. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>A stealth fighter is a fighter bomber that utilizes stealth technology to make it difficult to detect by radar. The Yugoslav Federal Army shot down an American Air

Force F117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter participating in NATO Forces. This was the first time this kind of plane had crashed since it was committed to war action during offensive operations in Panama in 1989.</BACK>

<REL>Articles reporting on the functions, deployment or shooting downs of F117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighters are relevant. Articles pertaining to stealth fighters in which F117s are referred to as a target of comparison are partially relevant. Articles about stealth fighters other than the F117 are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Stealth, Fighter, Stealth Fighter, Stealth Technology, Stealth Functions, Radar, F117, F22, MFI2000</CONC>

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<TITLE>Crown Princess, Masako</TITLE>

<DESC>Find media reports on Crown Princess Masako of the Japanese Imperial Household.</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Japan's Crown Princess Masako had many more opportunities to carry out official duties on her own after six years of marriage. In December 1999, symptoms of pregnancy were reported, but the zealotry of reportage on her pregnancy thereafter became a problem. The excitement over her pregnancy ended with her miscarriage on the 30th. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to the official duties or activities of Crown Princess Masako or to herself are relevant. Opinions on Princess Masako's pregnancy or criticism of the overzealous media are partially relevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Masako (Princess Masako), Crown Princess Masako, Official Duties, Pregnancy, Conception, Miscarriage, Overzealous Media, Human Rights, Privacy, Japan</CONC>

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<TITLE>Internet, Music Distribution, Copyright Protection</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the issue of copyright protection associated with music distribution over the Internet. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>The rapid spread of the Internet and development of digital compression technology for music have realized music distribution over the Net, but illegal copies are never ending. The formulation of rules for legal distribution over the Net that protect copyright has become necessary.</BACK>

<REL>Articles describing copyright issues associated with music distribution over the Net are relevant. Articles on technical issues involved in distribution or companies' endeavors towards music distribution services are partially relevant. Articles on copyright protection that fail to touch on music distribution in particular are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Net, Internet, Music, Music Contents, Distribution, Music Distribution Business, Copyright, Copyright Protection, Pirate Edition, MP3</CONC>

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<TITLE>Olympic, Bribe, Suspicion</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to suspicions about bribes by IOC members involved in the selection of Olympic venues</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Suspicions surfaced about members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) accepting bribes in relation to the selection of venues for the Nagano and Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and President Samaranch established a committee to investigate the situation. </BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to suspicions about monetary payments made in relation to

the selection of Olympic venues are relevant. Articles that don't contain detailed information on the content of specific suspicions are partially relevant. Articles on suspicions of corruption involving non-IOC members involved in selecting Olympic delegates are irrelevant. </REL>

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<CONC>Olympic, Five-Ring, International Olympic Committee (IOC), IOC Member, President Samaranch, Summon, Bribe, Purchase, Suspicion</CONC>

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<TITLE>North Korea, Daepodong, Asia, Response</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on Asian nations' responses to North Korea's launching of a Daepodong missile. </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>In August 1998, North Korea launched a Daepodong 1 missile over Japan. The warhead landed off Sanriku, giving Japan a big shock. Although North Korea had given indications of the launch beforehand, the Japanese Government hadn't taken measures to deter it, and the announcement came after the event.

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<REL>Articles on Asian nations' responses and reactions the North Korea's launch of the Daepodong missile are relevant. Articles on North Korean announcements, or comments made by unrelated countries on the impact of this incident are partially relevant. Articles that simply mention the relationship between North Korea and the United States or the Daepodong incident are irrelevant. </REL>

<TERM>The Daepodong is an intermediate-range ballistic missile under development in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). It is said to have a range of 1700-2200 kilometers. Its name derives from name of the place (Daepodong) from which the American reconnaissance satellite first photographed it.</TERM>

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<CONC>The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Taepodong, Ballistic Missile, Off Sanriku, Punitive Measures, Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, Kim Jong-il, Kim, Jong-il, Daepodong</CONC>

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<TITLE>Typhoon, Torrential Rain, Damage</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles about damage resulting from localized torrential rain associated with typhoons in South East Asian nations in '98-'99 </DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Japan experience abnormal weather in '98. Fronts remained over the Tohoku and Hokuriku regions even in the mid-August, and the Meteorological Agency abandoned the idea of announcing the end of the rainy season. Korea and China suffered record-breaking floods that claimed more than 3000 lives.

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<REL>Articles describing the damage caused by localized torrential rain associated with typhoons are relevant. Articles on the estimated damage or general comments on typhoon damage are irrelevant.</REL>

<TERM>A typhoon is a tropical low pressure that occurs in the south western area of the North Pacific with maximum wind speeds in excess of 17.2 m/sec</TERM>

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<CONC>Typhoon, Torrential Rain, Localized Torrential Rain, Damage, Casualties, Southeast Asia, Abnormal Weather</CONC>

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<TITLE>Daily Life, Environmentally Friendly</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles pertaining to the theme "environmentally friendly" in your daily life to preserve the environment</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>In the midst of concerns that lend a sense of crisis about the future of the

earth, such as destruction of the ozone layer and exhaustion of resources, what can be done to make our daily lives more "environmentally friendly"? What can each of us do?</BACK>

<REL>Articles pertaining to contrivances in daily life or activities undertaken to preserve the environment by individuals or groups of individuals are relevant. Articles describing environmental preservation activities on a government level are irrelevant.

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<CONC>Recycle, Reuse, Prevention of Global Warming, Acrylic Scourer, Refillable Bottle, Environmentally Friendly, EcoMark, Idling Stop, Paper Recycling, Freon</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR4-058</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Contactless SMART Card</TITLE>

<DESC>Find articles on mechanism or use of contactless SMART cards</DESC>

<NARR>

<BACK>Given the circulation of fraudulent telephone cards, Japan's NTT is moving towards the introduction of SMART card public telephones. SMART cards are approximately the same size as the existing cards but a little bit thicker as they have a CPU and IC memory chip embedded in them. Contactless SMART cards have already been introduced at ticket wickets for public transportation systems in Hong Kong and elsewhere, and demand is expected to escalate.</BACK>

<REL>Articles on the mechanism of contactless SMART cards or examples of their actual use are relevant. Articles on the circumstances leading up to companies and organizations' introduction of contactless SMART cards are partially relevant. If an article does not mention whether the card is contact or contactless, it is partially relevant. Articles that only mention magnetic prepaid cards are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>SMART Card, CPU, IC Memory Chip, Magnetic Card, Electronic Money, Automatic Ticket Wicket, Public Telephone, Forgery Prevention, IC Card</CONC>

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<NUM>059</NUM>
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<SLANG>JA</SLANG>
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<TITLE>Television Broadcasting, Digitalization</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles on the digitalization of television broadcasting. </DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>While digital broadcasting in the form of communications satellite broadcasting has already started in Japan, broadcast satellite broadcasting also commenced digital broadcasting in 2000, and digitalization of terrestrial broadcasting is also scheduled for the early part of the 21st century.</BACK>
<REL>Articles on digitalization of television broadcasting are relevant irrespective of country or region. Articles on equipment or televisions that receive digital broadcasts are partially relevant. Articles that mention digital broadcasting but do not deal with it as the central issue are also partially relevant. Articles on digitalization that is unrelated to television broadcasting are irrelevant.</REL>
</NARR>
<CONC>CS Broadcast, CS Satellite, BS Broadcast, Hi-Vision, Analogue Broadcast, Bi-directional, Simultaneous Broadcast</CONC>
</TOPIC>

<TOPIC>
<NUM>060</NUM>
<ONUM>NTCIR4-060</ONUM>
<SLANG>JA</SLANG>
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<TITLE>Theme Park, Plan</TITLE>
<DESC>Find articles on theme parks currently planned for construction. </DESC>
<NARR>
<BACK>Driven by the success of Disneyland, theme parks designed around a variety of concepts are currently under planning or construction in many areas. This trend extends beyond Japan. </BACK>
<REL>Articles on theme parks currently under construction or in the planning stage are relevant. Articles on completed and opened theme parks are also relevant.

Articles on the financial status and expansion plans for existing theme parks are partially relevant. Articles on the downsizing or withdrawal of existing theme parks are irrelevant.</REL>

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<CONC>Universal Studios Japan, USJ, DisneySea, Theme Park, Disney</CONC>

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<NUM>061</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-001</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>The Exhibition "Art and Culture of the Han Dynasty"</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find information of the exhibition "Art and Culture of the Han Dynasty" in the National Palace Museum

</DESC>

<NARR>

The National Palace Museum is the well-known museum for its great Chinese collections. The collections of Han Dynasty show the great and prosperous time from 206 B.C. to 220 A.D. in China. The related documents should focus on categories of cultural or historical relics in art exhibition, schedule of the exhibition, how the National Palace Museum prepared it, the cooperation partners, and popular reactions to the achievements of the exhibition. Introduction of art and culture of the Han Dynasty, which is not showed on display and other exhibition, will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Han dynasty, Art and Culture of the Han Dynasty, exhibitions, National Palace Museum, history

</CONC>

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<NUM>062</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-002</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Joining WTO </TITLE>

<DESC>

Find possible problems that industries will meet after Taiwan's joining WTO.

</DESC>

<NARR>

It has taken Taiwan 10 years to get in to WTO. The Council For Economic Planning and Development, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research and Taiwan Institution for Economic Research evaluated the beneficial result of joining WTO. Related contents are supposed to include the evaluation contents, the advantages and disadvantages and the effects on agriculture, industry and business. If the documents only describe the opinions, comments, and attitudes of the America and other countries, or the political and diplomatic issues, they will be regarded irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Taiwan, WTO, agriculture, industry, benefits, economy, World Trade Organization

</CONC>

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<NUM>063</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-003</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Program for Promoting Academic Excellence of Universities </TITLE>

<DESC>

Find the content of Program for Promoting Academic Excellence of Universities.

</DESC>

<NARR>

"Program for Promoting Academic Excellence of Universities" is driven by the Ministry of Education and National Science Council of Taiwan. Only 16 plans have been chosen out of 261 plans brought up by all universities. Related contents contain names of these 16 plans and the research fields they belong to, purposes and contents, universities that are in charge of them, funds, etc.

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<CONC>

promoting program, university, National Science Council, Ministry of Education

</CONC>

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<NUM>064</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-004</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>E-Commerce</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find what E-Commerce is and its contents

</DESC>

<NARR>

Electronic commerce (E-Commerce) is a business activity taking place over network. E-Commerce has changed the way corporations do business. Related contents are supposed to include what e-commerce is, introduction of E-commerce, its range of application, for example virtual banking, business transactions on network, network shopping, etc. Other opinions, comments and future development will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>

E-Commerce, network, virtual, trade, shopping, computer

</CONC>

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<NUM>065</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-005</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>PRC's economic reform </TITLE>

<DESC>

Find Zhu Rong ji's economic reform after his serving as the premier

</DESC>

<NARR>

Zhu Rong ji served as the premier of People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1998. What was his economic reform? Not only the Economic Department keeps an eye on it, but also Taiwan lawmakers focus on it. Related contents include the subject of Zhu Rong-ji's economic reform, its direction and policy and its effects. Effects on politics will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>Zhu Rong Ji, economic reform, policy, Economic Department, growth rate

</CONC>

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<NUM>066</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-006</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Nobel Prizes in Physics </TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve reports relating to 1998 Nobel Prizes in Physics

</DESC>

<NARR>

Nobel Prizes in Physics is to award the honor laurel to savants who contribute significant achievements toward quantum mechanics. Related contents are supposed to include introducing laurelled savants, Cui Qi, Laughlin, Stormer, their research contents, contributions, acceptance speeches and other related reports. Take Nobel prizes in physics in principal, ignore other Nobel Prizes.

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<CONC>

Nobel Prizes in Physics, Cui Qi, Laughlin, Stormer, research, physics,

</CONC>

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<NUM>067</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-007</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>China Airlines Crash</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve reports about China Airlines' crash while trying to land at Taoyan international airport.

</DESC>

<NARR>

CI676 China Airlines crash on February 16th in 1998 is the most serious plane crash in Taiwan history. It even draws international attention. Related contents are supposed to include the death toll, accidents causes, who should take responsibility, the compensation from China Airlines. Take the accident in principal and ignore the introduction of victims.

</NARR>

<CONC>

China Airlines, plane crash, black box, compensate, body count, death toll, jet crash

</CONC>

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<NUM>068</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-008</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Oscar</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve reports of Oscar winners, Titanic, in 1998

</DESC>

<NARR>

The well-known Oscar awards has more-than-70-year history. It is the product of The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to popularize film enterprises. The movie, which draws most attention in 1998, is "Titanic." Related contents are supposed to include what kind of prizes Titanic is nominated for, the prize item that it carries, and comments from different circles before and after its winning a prize. Introduction of "Titanic" and other nominating list and winners in 1998 will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Oscar Academy Awards, Titanic, movie, Oscar-winner list, film review

</CONC>

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<NUM>069</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-009</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Satellite ST1</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find reports and comments related to satellite ST1

</DESC>

<NARR>

Taiwan started using satellite ST1. It is the first commercial communications satellite that Taiwan has a master control of. Related contents are supposed to contain the program of satellite development, launch process, function, purpose, how it can improve Taiwan's telecommunications, its meaning to Taiwan telecommunications, operation situation, prediction of its life-span, and experts opinions. Introduction to other satellite will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>

satellite ST1, communication, telecommunications, launch, satellite

</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-010</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Anti-El Nino</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find what the anti-El Nino is and the comparison with El Nino

</DESC>

<NARR>

What are effects of anti-El Nino following after El Nino on global climate? What is the comparison with El Nino? Its basic introductions, the way it is formed, its features and circulations are relevant. The influence on certain country made by El Nino will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>

El Nino, anti-El Nino, climate

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<NUM>071</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-011</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Forest Railway in Mount Ali</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find the history of steam locomotive in Mount Ali and its relationship with forestry and sightseeing

</DESC>

<NARR>

Mount Ali in central Taiwan is famous for sightseeing. The steam locomotive which had not showed up almost for 22 years will appear on Mount Ali again by the end of 1998. This time it undertakes the task to push forward Chiayi's prosperity. Related contents include forest railway's history, its past and future functions, the reason why it's on the downgrade, its contribution to sightseeing of Chiayi. Locomotive's structures and features will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Mount Ali, forest railway, forest, Chiayi, sightseeing, history

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<NUM>072</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-012</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Asian Games in Bangkok</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find news of Asian Games in Bangkok

</DESC>

<NARR>

The Asian Game is the biggest sporting contest in Asia. The 13th Asian Game is held in Bangkok. Related contents include the schedule, location, the performance of Chinese Taipei, the number of medals, introducing the contestants of Chinese Taipei. Introducing other counties' players is irrelative.

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<CONC>

Asian Games, Bangkok, Taipei, Taiwan, contestant

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<NUM>073</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-013</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Province-refining</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find the content of Province-refining enactment and Mr. James Soong's attitudes after the Province-refining

</DESC>

<NARR>

Taiwan Province and Taiwan province assembly have become history since December 20th, 1998. The temporary province function and organization regulation start applying on December 21st. Related contents include province-refining regulation and on what it is based, which regulations stop applying, which ones start applying, the purpose of province-refining, James Soong's reflections, attitudes and other related comments. Effects on individual because of province-refining will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>

Province-refining, James Soong, Taiwan Province, chairman of Taiwan Province,
Province assembly, budget

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<NUM>074</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-014</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Computer virus</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles about problems caused by computer virus infection.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Computer viruses cause damage, such as the destruction of data held on memory units (hard disks). Moreover, if one transmits viruses through a medium such as e-mail, the sender may lose credibility. Articles about incidents in which computer viruses cause damage satisfy this retrieval request. Articles about a new virus also satisfy the request. However, articles not about a specific incident or virus, but which are general statistics of incidents do not satisfy the request.

</NARR>

<CONC>

computer virus, Melissa, Chernobyl, infection, damage, network, internet, cracker,
hacker, cracking, hacking

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-015</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>The birth of a cloned calf</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to the birth of cloned calves using the technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Scientists at the University of Massachusetts, among others, have successfully created cloned calves using a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer. The National Institute of Animal Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan succeeded in impregnating cows with a clone from a bull's ear. If an article describes the process of the cloning and birth of calves and the technique used, it satisfies this retrieval request. An article about a cloned sheep partially satisfies the request.

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<CONC>

clone, calf, birth, gene, somatic, cell

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-016</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Kazuhiro Sasaki, the pitcher who will join the Seattle Mariners</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to Kazuhiro Sasaki, the pitcher who opted to join the Seattle Mariners.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Kazuhiro Sasaki, the pitcher who was declared a free agent from the Yokohama Baystars in Japan opted to join the Seattle Mariners in the USA. If an article is about the contract or the reaction of people around him it satisfies this retrieval request. An article about the trend after his decision to join partially satisfies the request.

</NARR>

<CONC>

professional baseball, Kazuhiro Sasaki, free agent, FA, USA, Major League, Seattle Mariners, join, contract, pitcher

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<NUM>077</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-017</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Director Takeshi Kitano's films </TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to Director Takeshi Kitano's films.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Director Takeshi Kitano's film "HANA-BI" was screened in January 1998 in Japan, and was awarded the Grand Prix at the International Venice Film Festival. His films won prizes at several international film festivals. If an article is about Director Takeshi Kitano's films, it is relevant. If an article is about films that were not directed by Takeshi Kitano but were planned or produced by him, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Takeshi Kitano, Beat Takeshi, film, movie, director, international film festival

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-018</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Doomsday thought</TITLE>

<DESC>

Incidents relating to religious thought about doomsday, or the end of the world.

</DESC>

<NARR>

The concept of doomsday was observed in ancient Oriental religions, such as Zoroastrianism, and has existed from ancient times. However, Christianity-eschatology has influenced the world greatly. Although the concept of

doomsday was influenced by religious thought and the world's end ideology of Judaism, it is based on a particular historical view. It is considered in the religions of East Asia as a concept near the Buddhist belief of Buddhism's decline or the Buddhist end of dharma. In greeting the end of the 20th century, the central focus was on acquiring believers, thoroughness of a doctrine, etc. In response to this influence, the incidence of group suicide, terrorism, and crime such as religious fraud were globally apparent. If an article is about such an incident or crime, it is relevant. If an article is about an incident related to astrology, or does not involve chi kung and has a religious background, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

doomsday thought, end of century thought, new religion, religious fraud, incident, crime

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-019</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Economic influence of the European monetary union</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to economic influence of European monetary union.

</DESC>

<NARR> The currency of eleven nations in Europe was unified by the resolution of the EU special summit meeting, and new currency, the "Euro", appeared conceptually in January, 1999. Although it will be 2002 when the bill and coin called the Euro actually appears on the market, a Euro credit card or a Euro cheque may be used for shopping, and the price in Euros is also displayed in retail stores. If an article is about the economic influence of this monetary union, it is relevant. If an article is about the realization of the monetary union in other areas, such as Asian countries, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

European monetary union, Euro, Euro currency, European Union, EU, European

Economic Community, the European Central Bank, monetary and financial policy,
economic gap

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-020</ONUM>

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<TITLE>The capital tie-up of the Nissan Motor Company and Renault</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to a capital tie-up of Nissan Motor Company of Japan and Renault of France.

</DESC>

<NARR>

In March 1999 the Nissan Motor Company agreed to forge a capital link with the major automobile company Renault of France. Thereby, several officers reporting to a vice-president will be dispatched to Nissan from Renault. Mr. Carlos Ghosn, who has served as Renault's vice-president, was inaugurated as CEO of the Nissan Motor Company, and he is advancing reform. If an article is about the circumstances and the conditions of the proposed link until it results in an actual link, and management reform of Nissan., it is relevant. If an article is about capital linking of the automobile companies of many countries, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Nissan Motor, Renault, automobile company, capital link, Carlos Ghosn, management reform

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-021</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>The damage and the rescue operations resulting from a big earthquake in Turkey</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to the damage, the rescue operations, and the damage situation and victims of a big earthquake in Western Turkey in 1999.

</DESC>

<NARR>

A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.8 occurred in western Turkey on August 17, 1999. In Izumit, fire broke out in the oil-refinery, etc. In the capital, Istanbul, 110 km west of Izumit, buildings collapsed one after another and 10,000 or more people were injured. The whole country suffered damage, with both deaths, and missing people. If an article is about the damage situation of this earthquake, and rescue operations surrounding a specific victim, it is relevant. If an article does not describe the rescue operation itself but only the discussion of the participation of countries in the rescue operations, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Turkey, big earthquake, Izumit, Istanbul, rescue activities, rescue operations, relief request, damage situation

</CONC>

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<NUM>082</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-022</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Pol Pot's war crimes</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles describing the war crimes of former Prime Minister Pol Pot of Cambodia.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Former Prime Minister Pol Pot, who commanded the anti-government guerrilla-influenced Pol Pot group of Cambodia, died on April 15, 1998. Pol Pot established the Democratic Kampuchea government, which became an extreme nationalist communist regime in January, 1976. He commanded the "Killing Fields"

which caused one million, or more, people to die from forced labour in farm villages, the execution of intellectuals, etc., until his political power collapsed in January, 1979. After the subsequent formation of the Heng Samrin administration, he was sentenced to death for "the crime of a national slaughter" by the people's court from which Pol Pot himself was absent. If an article is about the war crimes of Pol Pot including the Killing Fields while he was alive, it is relevant. If an article is about the war crimes or is about the speed of the Prime Minister's resignation, it is partially relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Pol Pot, Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge, Imperial Highness Sihanouk, mass murder, the Killing Fields, racial communism, Vietnam, war crimes

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-023</ONUM>

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<TITLE>President Kim Dae-Jung's policy toward Asia</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to President Kim Dae-Jung's policy toward Asia

</DESC>

<NARR>

On February 25, 1998, in South Korea, Mr. Kim Dae-Jung, elected by presidential election at the end of 1997, was inaugurated as President, and the Kim Dae-Jung Administration was formally inaugurated. While President Kim regarded the new government as "the national government", he appealed against people concentrating on overcoming a serious economic crisis. He started structural adjustments, such as plutocracy reform. If an article describes President Kim Dae-Jung's policy toward Asia, it is relevant. If an article does not describe his policy towards Asia, but his posture towards a foreign country, or a plan, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Kim Dae-Jung, the President, the national government, policy toward Asia, economic crisis, economic reform, China, Taiwan, Japan

</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-024</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Medecins Sans Frontieres</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to the activities of Medecins Sans Frontieres, which won the Nobel Peace Prize

</DESC>

<NARR>

Medecins Sans Frontieres, known as an NGO, with medical skills, was founded in 1971, and 2000 volunteers are now working in about 80 nations. Regardless of the border or the political situation, the basic principle is giving top priority to disaster victim support. In the Vietnam War, the Middle East dispute, the Great Hanshin Earthquake in Japan, etc., they did not ask whether it was a natural disaster or a disaster caused by man, but dispatched a doctor and nurse to the stricken area in the world, and provided disaster victims with medical assistance. Such activity met the award's criteria and Medecins Sans Frontieres won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. If an article is about the actions of Medecins Sans Frontieres, it is relevant.

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<CONC>

Medecins Sans Frontieres, MSF, international private sector medical assistance organization, NGO, non-government organization, volunteer, medical assistance, the Nobel Peace Prize, Kosovo conflict, East Timor dispute</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-025</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and

Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, and on their Destruction </TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles relating to the ratification of each country to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, and on their Destruction

</DESC>

<NARR>

Establishment of the treaty "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction" was based on the movement of the "mine prohibition international campaign" by various NGOs in the world, and its international support grew. At the international conference held in Ottawa in October 1996, sponsored by the Canadian government, rapid movement toward establishment of the treaty, called the "Ottawa Process", started. Through the United Nations General Assembly resolution in December 1996, or a series of negotiations between many countries, the treaty was adopted at the treaty negotiation meeting (89 nations participated) held in Oslo, Norway, in September 1997, and 122 nations signed in December of the same year. This treaty went into effect in March 1999, when 117 nations had ratified it. If an article is about the correspondence of each country regarding the ratification of this treaty, it is relevant. If an article is about the movement toward the treaty, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, and on their Destruction, Ottawa Process, establishment, ratification, NGO, Jody Williams, mine prohibition international campaign

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-026</ONUM>

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<TITLE>The population of the world exceeds six billion people</TITLE>

<DESC>

Articles written about the problem of the global increase in population because the

population in the world exceeded six billion people.

</DESC>

<NARR>

According to the Internet homepage of the "population counter", the Statistics Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, the population of the world exceeded six billion people on July 18, 1999. The United Nations Population Fund warned that shortages of food and water accompanying the rapid increase in population of a developing country, environmental destruction, etc., will have a serious influence on human beings in the 21st century, based on the "world population white paper" released in 1999. If an article describes the global population problem in the 21st century based on the report about the population in the world having exceeding six billion people, it is relevant. If an article is about the decrease-in-the-birthrate problem of an advanced nation, which is a trend opposite to the world-wide increase in population, it is partially relevant if reference is made to the global population problem.

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<CONC>

world population, population counter, six billion people breakthrough, population problem, food shortage, environmental destruction, developing country, advanced nation, birthrate decrease

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-027</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Macau returns</TITLE>

<DESC>

Macau returns from Portugal to China

</DESC>

<NARR>

The documents describing the return of Macau from Portugal to China and the ceremony held in Macau are relevant. Documents describing only the influence of the return on China's policy for Taiwan are partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Macau, return, China

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-028</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Japanese political delegation to North Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>

A Japanese political delegation to North Korea led by former Prime Minister Tomiich Murayama

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents describing a Japanese political party delegation to North Korea led by former Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and the conversation with Kim Young Sun, secretary of the Korean Worker's Party, are relevant.

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<CONC>

delegation of party to North Korea, Tomiichi Murayama

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<TITLE>volcanic eruptions in Japan</TITLE>

<DESC>

What volcanic eruptions have occurred in Japan?

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<NARR>

Relevant documents must mention actual eruptions that took place in Japan. Exact

dates and locations are not required. Volcanic activity other than eruptions, e.g., earthquakes, are not of interest.

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<CONC>

volcano, eruption, Japan

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<TITLE>Japanese Emperor in Denmark</TITLE>

<DESC>

When, if ever, has the Japanese Emperor been to Denmark?

</DESC>

<NARR>

I'm looking for documents mentioning visits the Japanese Emperor may have made to Denmark.

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<CONC>

Emperor, Akihito, Denmark

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<TITLE>Kyoto Japanese maples</TITLE>

<DESC>

Where are the best spots in Kyoto for viewing of Japanese maples in their fall color?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents should give specific locations (temples, etc.) where the fall color display of the maple trees is particularly good.

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<CONC>

Japanese maple, Kyoto, fall color display

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<TITLE>1998 China flood relief</TITLE>

<DESC>

Describe various humanitarian relief efforts during the 1998 floods in China

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents will discuss specific humanitarian relief efforts for the 1998 floods in China. Documents just mentioning the flooding are not relevant, nor are documents that discuss flooding in general or flood prevention efforts.

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<CONC>

humanitarian relief, the 1998 floods in China

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-033</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Clinton scandals</TITLE>

<DESC>

What was the reaction in Asia to the Clinton scandals?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents should present either specific opinions expressed in Asia about the Clinton scandal or discuss possible effects of the scandal and subsequent Congressional hearing on Asia. Not relevant are documents that just report information about these events.

</NARR>

<CONC>

the President of the USA, Bill Clinton, sex scandal, Asia, opinion

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-034</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Rice importing</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are the rice importing policies in various Asian countries?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents should report information on rice importing policies that would be useful to someone interested in exporting rice to Asia.

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<CONC>

rice importing policy, Asia, exporting rice

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<TITLE>War crimes lawsuits</TITLE>

<DESC>

Provide information on lawsuits in Japan arising from war crimes committed by Japan during World War II.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents should describe the progress or outcome of a specific civil lawsuit arising from war crimes committed by Japan during World War II. This can include new lawsuits, verdicts, or public comments on a trial. Information on war crimes tribunals is not relevant.

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<CONC>

World War II, civil lawsuit, war crime by Japan, verdict

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<TITLE>Nuclear power protests</TITLE>

<DESC>

Give information regarding protests against nuclear power.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents should describe specific negative public reaction to nuclear power issues, such as a petition, protest or demonstration. Nuclear power issues include generating power, building nuclear plants, and import/export of waste products. Articles regarding nuclear weapons development or testing are not relevant.</NARR>

<CONC>

nuclear power, protest against nuclear power, nuclear plant, waste product

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<NUM>097</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-037</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Human cloning ban</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find information on government or international ban on efforts to clone humans.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Describe efforts by governments or world organizations to ban human cloning. Relevant documents should describe official policies, laws, bills, or proposals to limit or ban the practice of or research into human cloning. Opinions regarding the ethics of human cloning are not relevant. Material on non-human animal cloning is not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

human cloning, official policy, law, human cloning ban

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<NUM>098</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-038</ONUM>

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<TITLE>

African embassy bombing reaction

</TITLE>

<DESC>

Provide documents that describe Asian reactions to the terrorist bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Find articles that give Asian reactions to the bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in August 1998. Official statements, public demonstrations, and editorials are all relevant. News stories about the bombings themselves are not relevant. Reactions from countries outside of Asia are not relevant.

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<CONC>

Asian reactions, the terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassies, Kenya, Tanzania, Africa

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<NUM>099</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-039</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>College Admission Policy</TITLE>

<DESC>

Relevant documents should describe college admission policies (systems) and opinions of parents, students and teachers.

</DESC>

<NARR>

The college admission policy is of great interest to the students who want to enter a college and to their parents. Relevant documents include an overall description of the policy or system that the government or a university has set up for college entrance, or discussions about specific issues on the policy or system, which include opinions of the stakeholders such as parents, students, or advisors from high schools or private institutions. Documents with opinions from the society as a whole alone, not from a specific stakeholder, are not relevant.

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<CONC>

college admission policies, college admissions system, parents, high school students, teachers

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-040</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>TV Programs on New Year Holidays</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are the special TV programs provided by TV stations around the year-end or during New Year Holidays?

</DESC>

<NARR>

TV special programs to be broadcasted at the year-end or during the New Year holidays are of interest. Relevant documents should include the type and the content of the programs and indicate the programs are targeted at the year-end or New Year holidays. Documents describing regular TV programs alone or the time table only for the special programs are not relevant.

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<CONC>

TV special program, TV special editions, season's greeting, New Year TV edition, end of the year special, X-mas special TV program

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-041</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>World NGO Conference</TITLE>

<DESC>

Relevant documents report on the opening of the world conference on NGO or describe what's discussed in a conference related to improve women's rights.

</DESC>

<NARR>

While NGO (Non-Government Organization) activities are drawing attention from the world, the opening of an NGO conference is a significant event. Of particular interest is whether and how the women's rights improvement issues are handled in NGO conferences. Relevant documents should include a factual report on the opening of an NGO conference with the dates, overall directions, schedules, and themes of the conference. However, a document without such a report would be also relevant if it deals with details of a meeting related to women issues such as women's rights improvements. A document simply reporting on the fact that women issues are

handled in a conference without the content is also relevant. In other words, relevant documents either report on the opening of such a conference or mention women issues. Documents about a conference with neither of them are irrelevant.

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<CONC>

World NGO conference, opening of the NGO conference, Women's right, Women's status

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-042</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Relationship between EU and Asian Countries</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are economic relationships between the EU (European Union) and Asian Countries?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents to be retrieved include economic relationships, either positive or negative, between EU and Asian countries. An economic relationship does not have a specific name. While documents including economic issues between two parties are relevant, there should be at least two Asian countries involved. A relationship between the EU and one Asian country is partially relevant. However, a document describing a economic relationship between a country in the EU and a Asian country is not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

EU, EURO, European countries, Asian economic situation, EURO effect, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Asians

</CONC>

</TOPIC>

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<NUM>103</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-043</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Worldwide Natural Disasters</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are the natural disasters caused by abnormal phenomena, such as floods, earthquakes, and famines, that appear worldwide?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Enormous casualties and property damages have been caused by abnormal natural phenomena such as floods, earthquakes, and famines on various places on the earth. Relevant documents include the name of the area where the abnormal phenomenon occurs, its details, and figures for the loss of lives and property damages. Without figures, the document is partially relevant. Documents without the name of the area or details about the abnormal phenomenon are not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

natural disasters, earthquake, typhoon, tornado, flood, drought, storm, world

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<NUM>104</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-044</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Kim Dae Jung before Presidency</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are documents describing President Kim Dae Jung's activities as an opposition leader before becoming the president, like democratization movements, or the background on his becoming a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize?

</DESC>

<NARR>

People are interested in Kim Dae Jung's life before he became the president of South Korea, and believe the life has influenced his becoming a nominee for the Nobel Peace

Prize. Relevant documents include a report on Kim Dae Jung's political activities as an opposition leader before becoming the president, like democratization movements, or commentary for his becoming a nominee for the Nobel Prize for peace. Documents describing general activities of Kim Dae Jung as the president are not relevant.

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<CONC>

Kim Dae Jung, democratization, resistance, KCIA, activities, Nobel Prize, Peace Prize

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<TOPIC>

<NUM>105</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-045</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>International Collaboration for Environmental Problems</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are the international collaborations done to solve environmental problems such as pollutions of air, water, soil, and nature?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents include discussions at international levels to solve environmental problems such as pollutions of air, water, and soil, destructions of ecology, or environmental hormone, or a report on an actual international collaboration with at least one country name. Documents discussing international collaborations for a specific environmental problem of one country are relevant, but not those about an environmental problem that can be solved by the suffering country. Documents addressing international collaborations without a specific name of a country are partially relevant.

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<CONC>

collaboration, environmental problem, environmental issues, pollution, international organization

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<NUM>106</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-046</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Regulations and Damages from Drunken Driving</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are documents describing the loss of lives and the property damages caused by traffic accidents or the laws applied to prevention of drunk drivers?

</DESC>

<NARR>

People are interested in damages from traffic accidents caused by drunken driving or traffic laws about drunken driving. In order to be relevant, documents about damages from a traffic accident should reveal the fact that the accident was caused by drunken driving, with details on the loss of lives and property damages, and document describing traffic laws should explicitly state that the laws are to prevent drunken driving or punish drunk drivers. Documents about traffic accidents unrelated to drunken driving or about traffic laws are not relevant.

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<CONC>

drunken driving, traffic accident, traffic laws, regulations

</CONC>

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<NUM>107</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-047</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Trade between Korea and Japan</TITLE>

<DESC>

To retrieve documents describing explanations or forecasts about the trading types between Korea and Japan

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents should describe imports and exports between Korea and Japan,

including the names of the products and the amounts of transactions with their characteristics or backgrounds or their. Documents including describing prospects and commentaries only without actual product names and transaction amounts are partially relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

trade, import, export, Japan, Korea, conflict, problem, trading conference

</CONC>

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<NUM>108</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-048</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Counseling for Youths</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are documents including the names of institutions for counseling youths' anguish and the guides for getting the counseling services?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents describe the names of counseling institutions for youths, details of youths' anguish, and methods by which a youth can receive counseling services, including telephone numbers, maps, and office hours. Expressions about youths' anguish can be general in relevant documents. If a document provides a detailed guide about how to access the institution without its name or has the name for the institution without a specific access point, it is partially relevant. A document without any method for accessing the institution is irrelevant.

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<CONC>

youth, new generation, counseling organization, counselor, life line, school violence

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<NUM>109</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-049</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Science Camp</TITLE>

<DESC>

What science programs are there to promote youths' interest in science and satisfy their curiosity?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents being searched are about science programs or camps for youths, such as a program for constellation observations or a physics camp for middle school students, run by universities, research institutions, or social organizations, which usually attract, teach interested students intensively about a specific theme, and encourage them to get involved in discussions during a specific time period. Relevant documents should reveal the details of the programs and include at least one of the following: the name of the organizer, the period, and the eligibility of targeted students. If a document includes some content of a program, which describes a vague plan only, without details about how it will be run, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

teenagers, youth, science camp, science oriented youth camp

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<NUM>110</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-98-050</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Teenager's Fashion</TITLE>

<DESC>

To retrieve documents describing teenagers' fashion trend in clothing, hair styles, cosmetics.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents about fashion trends in such things as clothing, hair styles, and cosmetics

that are of interest to teenagers. Relevant documents should reveal that they are about teenagers including middle school, high school, and college freshman. Documents dealing with only one of the fashion items related to appearance, such as clothing, hair, cosmetics, and shoes, are relevant. If a document has an introduction to a commercial product or its price, it is irrelevant.

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<CONC>

teenagers, X-generation, fashion, clothing, hair styles, cosmetics

</CONC>

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<NUM>111</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-001</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>The President of South Africa -- Nelson Mandela</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve reports on background and administration of Mandela, the president of South Africa.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Nelson Mandela, the president of South Africa, is the well-known prisoner of conscience in South Africa. He had struggled for promotion of human rights and political participation for a long time. Related contents include Mandela's background, administration, the meaning of running for office, comments from all circles, and what he did after winning the election. Campaigns before the election, surveys, and conjectures will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

South Africa, President, Nelson Mandela, election, policy

</CONC>

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<TOPIC>

<NUM>112</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-002</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

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<TITLE>December 12, Coup in South Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find reports of the event of Dec. 12, Coup in South Korea and the verdict that comes from the legal process.

</DESC>

<NARR>

After the Dec. 12 Coup, Chun Doo Hwan came into power in Feb of 1981. Related contents include what the Dec. 12 coup is, the verdict, the punishment, people who are involved in the result of the judgment, their reactions and the coup's effects on the government and the general public in South Korea.

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<CONC>

South Korea, Dec. 12 Coup, history, President, military, coup, arrest

</CONC>

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<NUM>113</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-003</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Appeal of Comfort Women</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve comfort women's accusing, compensation, related news reports or disputes in various countries.

</DESC>

<NARR>

The related contents include charges made by comfort women in various countries, compensations which they asked, the verdict from the country which is being accused, domestic comments, popular opinions on this issue, and related dispute, etc. A case of a certain comfort woman (like the introduction of a certain comfort woman and biography, etc.) will be regarded as irrelevant.

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<CONC>

Comfort women, sexual slavery, Japan, indemnify, verdict, appeal, accuse

</CONC>

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<NUM>114</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-004</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>South Korea's automobile industry</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve recent developments of South Korea's automobile industry.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Automobile industry is an important thrust of South Korea's Economy. Some Korean automobile corporations are also leading companies in the world. Related contents include the evolution of South Korea's automobile industry, recent developments, state of import and export, sales volume in Asian market, South Korea's superiority in developing car industry, its background and future trend. If documents only describe the introduction, advertisements or exhibition of certain automobile company, they will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

South Korea, car industry, automobile industry, development of industries, Asia, yields, marketing

</CONC>

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<NUM>115</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-005</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Nuclear Weapon in North Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>

Find restrictions on North Korea's nuclear weapon and related reports.

</DESC>

<NARR>

The nuclear weapons of North Korea are severe threats to Asian countries and America. The related countries have made a temptation to reach a conclusion to reduce the danger and the threat. Related contents include what kind of common understanding reached by United States, Japan and South Korea, what restrictions will be taken, the influence of this treaty on safety of north-east Asia, and North Korea's reactions. If the documents only describe nuclear weapons in other countries or the present equipment of nuclear weapons in North Korea, they will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

United States, Japan, South Korea, summit meeting, development of nuclear weapons, Non-Proliferation Treaty of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), treaty, North Korea

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<TITLE>Liner Caught Fire in South Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve the whole story of the incident of cruise ship on fire in South Korea

</DESC>

<NARR>

Sightseeing by liners is welcome. However, people do not pay much attention to the safety of taking a liner. A liner caught fire in South Korea in 1994. Related contents include the ins and outs of the incident, the cause of catching fire, list of deaths and injuries, compensation for victims, comments from all circles, etc. What influence has this incident made on tourism of South Korea? How did government official explain and handle this incident? If the documents only describe the tourism of South Korea or liner commercials, they will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

South Korea, liner, fire, death, the cause of the fire, shipwreck, sightseeing

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<NUM>117</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-007</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

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<TITLE>North-South Korea Economic Interchange </TITLE>

<DESC>

Find the developments of North-South Korean Economic Interchange

</DESC>

<NARR>

South Korea and North Korea have been enemies for a long time. Recently, the economic interchange between both sides has been increasing. Related contents include past economic interchange of North-South Korea, recent proceedings from two sides, key points, items, measures, restrictions and ways to interchange. What effects would be made on North-South Korea relations after opening up? What are experts' comments? Even if a document were only about the interchange of certain enterprises, it would be still relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

South Korea, policy of finance and economics, international interchange, trade, business, investment, economical analysis, Korean unification issues, enterprises, North Korea

</CONC>

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<NUM>118</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-008</ONUM>

<SLANG>CH</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>South Korea Congress Passes Three Laws Governing Elections</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve three electoral laws passed by Congress in South Korea.

</DESC>

<NARR>

The purpose of electoral laws is to confine the behaviors in elections. The Congress of South Korea passes three laws. Related contents include the meaning of concluding the electoral law, its objective, the subject matter, the process of drawing up the law, and the range that the law applies to. If the documents only describe someone's violation of the law, they will be regarded as irrelevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

South Korea, Congress, electoral law, law-making, politics, reformation, election, vote

</CONC>

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<NUM>119</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-009</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Israel and Jordan Peace Treaty</TITLE>

<DESC> Find reports citing the names of the main negotiators of the Middle East peace treaty between Israel and Jordan and also documents giving detailed information on the treaty.

</DESC>

<NARR>A peace treaty was signed between Israel and Jordan on 26 October 1994 opening up new possibilities for diplomatic relations between the two countries. Relevant documents will give details of the treaty and/or will name the principal people involved in the negotiations.

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<CONC>

Middle East Peace, Peace Treaty, Israel, Jordan, Diplomatic Relations, Negotiations

</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-010</ONUM>

<SLANG>CLEF</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Fall in Japanese Car Exports</TITLE>

<DESC>Documents will report on the decrease in cars exported by Japan.

</DESC>

<NARR>Documents reporting the fall in car exports from Japan in general or the decrease in car imports from Japan by a particular country or area are relevant. The decrease can be measured in terms of numbers of cars exported by or financial losses of the Japanese car industry. Documents that do not give some kind of figures to measure the fall in exports are not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Japan Car, Car Exports, Fall, Decrease, Financial Losses, Car Industry

</CONC>

</TOPIC>

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<NUM>121</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-011</ONUM>

<SLANG>CLEF</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Genes and Diseases</TITLE>

<DESC>What genes have been identified that are the source of or contribute to the cause of diseases or developmental disorders in human beings?

</DESC>

<NARR>A document that identifies a gene or reports that a gene has been discovered that is the source of any type of disease, syndrome, behavioral or developmental disorder in humans is relevant. Any document that reports the discovery of a defective gene that causes problems in humans is relevant, but reports of diseases and disorders that are caused by the absence of a gene are not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Gene, Disease, Disorder, Humans Syndrome, Defective Gene, Absence of a gene

</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-012</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Death of Kim Il Sung</TITLE>

<DESC>Find documents giving biographical information on Kim Il Sung, the president of North Korea, who died in 1994.

</DESC>

<NARR> Documents written after he passed away in 1994 that provide any kind of biographical information on Kim Il Sung or that give some history of his political activities are relevant. Documents written before his death reporting current events in which Kim Il Sung was involved are not relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Kim Il Sung, North Korea, Death, Biographical Information, Political Activities

</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-013</ONUM>

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<TITLE>anticancer drugs</TITLE>

<DESC>

Documents will report any information relating to new anticancer drugs.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents describing the name, developer or effect of a new anticancer drug that has potential treatment for cancer are relevant. Discussion of effectiveness of anticancer drugs developed in several years ago, for example Maruyama vaccine, is also relevant.

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<CONC>

Anticancer drug, vaccine, Maruyama

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<NUM>124</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-014</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>home-use computer game machines</TITLE>

<DESC>

What products of home-use computer game machines have developed?

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents describing the name, specification, performance or price of home-use computer game machines developed in each country is relevant. Documents describing technical aspects of the machine and hardware are also relevant.

</NARR>

<CONC>

Home-use computer game, specification, performance, price

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<NUM>125</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-015</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Palestinian self-rule</TITLE>

<DESC>

Documents will report an accord on Palestinian self-rule signed by Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat.

</DESC>

<NARR>

Documents describing a historic accord that gave Palestinians autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, signed by Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and PLO leader Arafat on

May 1994, are relevant. Also, documents describe the influence of the accord on the world.

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<CONC>

Palestine self-rule, Gaza Strip, Jericho, Rabin, Arafat, autonomy

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-016</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>new consumption tax</TITLE>

<DESC>

Documents will report an alternative consumption tax proposed by Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

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<NARR>

Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa in Japan proposed a new consumption tax of 7%, also known as "national welfare tax," in order to prepare for the coming aging society. However, the proposal was abandoned immediately, and it forced Mr. Hosokawa out of office. Documents describing the new tax are relevant. Discussion on income and residential tax cuts with introduction of national welfare tax, and economic effects of the tax, are also relevant.

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<CONC>

Consumption tax, national welfare tax, Morihiro Hosokawa

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-017</ONUM>

<SLANG>JA</SLANG>

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<TITLE>copyright protection</TITLE>

<DESC>

Documents will report any information related to copyright protection in the multimedia age.

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<NARR>

Find documents describing copyright laws, and moves of official agencies responsible for copyright protection of music, movies, books, or other copyrighted products. Documents containing copyright services such as copyright clearance centers or cases of piracy are also relevant.

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<CONC>

Copyright protect, multimedia, clearance center, piracy

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-018</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Overseas Construction Work</TITLE>

<DESC>

To retrieve documents about Korean construction companies' sales activities overseas, with contract goals, the name of the contract work, the contract amount, and details of the construction work.

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<NARR>

Documents are being sought to understand the situation of Korean construction companies' expansion overseas. Relevant documents include the contract goal for overseas construction work, the name of the construction work, the contract amount, and the details of the work. Documents can be relevant without the specific name of a Korean construction company. If a document simply asserts the importance of overseas expansion, it is irrelevant.

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<CONC>

Construction, construction companies, construction work, overseas expansion, contract amount, construction contract, contracting business

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<NUM>129</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-019</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Civil Engineering and Construction Work</TITLE>

<DESC>

What are the types of absurdities occur in civil engineering work for roads, bridges, and construction work for buildings, houses?

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<NARR>

Relevant documents should have a report on absurdities, corruptions, and insolvencies that occurred in civil engineering works for roads, bridges, and harbor construction, and construction work for houses, apartments, and buildings, with the details of the work and at least one of the following: absurdities, corruptions, and insolvencies. If a document mentions absurdities or corruptions indirectly without details, it is partially relevant.

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<CONC>

Civil engineering, construction work, insolvency, absurdities, illegality, venality

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-020</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

<TLANG>EN</TLANG>

<TITLE>Uruguay Round</TITLE>

<DESC>

Retrieve documents about economic trends and corresponding policies caused by the

Uruguay Round settlement.

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<NARR>

Documents to be retrieved deal with new trends or changes in world economy or in Korean economy as the Uruguay Round, the 8th multi-national talks of GATT, settled. Documents including explanations of economic changes or new trends and corresponding policies are relevant. If a document expresses the policies too vaguely or generally, it is partially relevant. Documents containing a report on the settlement of the Uruguay Round alone are not relevant.

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<CONC>

WTO, UR, GATT, Uruguay Round

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-021</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Mobile Communications</TITLE>

<DESC>

We are looking for documents about the Korean government and company positions and activities within the mobile communication business.

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<NARR>

When there exists fierce competitions among companies to get a contract for mobile communication business, the Korean government's role is critically important in modulating competitions among the companies while presenting its public goal. By the same token, companies face difficulties in satisfying their own business goals and the conditions given by the government at that same time. In this context, relevant documents include regulations and laws about mobile communications business; ways companies can participate in the business, positions, or publicizing activities of participating companies and the government. Documents not directly mentioning regulations or participations of companies but revealing them indirectly are partially relevant. Documents with some statistics about the mobile communications business

alone are irrelevant.

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<CONC>

Mobile communications, government, companies, telecommunication business, participating companies, mobile communications business

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-022</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Launching into Distribution Business</TITLE>

<DESC>

To retrieve documents that introduces business details of Korean large corporations or foreign corporations that have entered the Korean distribution market.

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<NARR>

As product distribution becomes more and more important and the Korean distribution market gets expanded, domestic large corporations and foreign companies are actively participating in this business. In this context, documents describing business plans, business operation methods, or business details of these corporations are relevant. Even if a document were only about domestic or foreign companies alone, it would be still relevant.

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<CONC>

Distribution market, foreign companies, large corporations, business details

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-023</ONUM>

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<TITLE> Government's Reactions to Environmental Pollutions</TITLE>

<DESC>

Documents introduce Korean government's policies or projects to face environmental problems.

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<NARR>

Relevant documents introducing government organizations' or public corporations' preventive actions for environmental problems, or government's environmental policies or projects being conducted to jointly face the environmental problems that can't be solved with efforts made by the Korean government alone. If a document has nothing to do with the government's responses or stopgaps, it is not relevant.

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<CONC>

Environmental problems, environmental protection, preservation of environments, environmental pollution, cooperation for environmental issues, restrictions for environmental issues, pollution, contamination, ozone layer, green house effect, GR, green round, ecological systems, waste materials, water pollution, ocean pollution, air pollutions, soil pollution

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<NUM>134</NUM>

<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-024</ONUM>

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<TITLE>Trade</TITLE>

<DESC>

To find documents about types of trade cooperation among countries and their mutual confrontations after the cold war.

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<NARR>

The world economy has established a new order in the midst of regionalism and globalism, which are two main streams at the post-Cold War era. In this context, we are looking for documents about reinforcement of trade regulations or establishment of a variety of cooperative systems among countries in order to accomplish mutual

cooperation and confrontation. Relevant documents include economic cooperation among countries, economic council, investment security treaties or introduce contention among countries due to trade frictions and trade retaliations caused by trade regulations and protection of one's own economy. Documents dealing with cooperation only or confrontation only are also relevant. Documents describing trade policies of a country are not relevant.

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<CONC>

Regionalism, globalism, trade restrictions, economic cooperation, economic council, cooperative business, protective trade, trade friction, free trade, bloc, trade environment, investment security

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-025</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Exchange of Go (Baduk) Game Activities</TITLE>

<DESC>

How active are exchanges of Go games among Korea, Taiwan, and Japan?

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<NARR>

Interests lie in exchanges of Go game activities among Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Documents about international Go game contests and their results are relevant. Documents about contests between any two of the three countries are also relevant. If a document does not contain anything about a contest but explains histories and backgrounds of the Go game with two or more countries mentioned, it is relevant. Documents about a contest with a single country or histories and background of the Go game in a single country are irrelevant.

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<CONC>

The go game, Baduk

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-026</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Industry Trends</TITLE>

<DESC>

The influence of the incremental value of Yen on the industries of neighboring Asian countries

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents should describe the impact of the raised value of the Japanese currency, Yen, on manufacturing, sales, imports, and exports of products in automobile, textile, petrochemical and machine products. At least two of the areas should be mentioned.

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<CONC>trade</CONC>

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-027</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Economic Collaborations of North Korea with Countries Other Than South Korea</TITLE>

<DESC>

Plans and current status of mutual economic collaborations between North Korea and countries other than South Korea

</DESC>

<NARR>

Relevant documents should describe North Korea's plans or details for trades with countries other than South Korea, such as loans and invitation of foreign investment. Documents addressing political relationships only are not relevant.

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<CONC>

Talks with North Korea, talks between North Korea and USA, economic collaborations between North Korea and USA, trades with North Korea

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-028</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Kim Jung Il's Activities After the Death of Kim Il-Sung</TITLE>

<DESC>

Kim Jung Il's speeches or activities after the death of Kim Il Sung

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<NARR>

Relevant documents should include reports on Kim Jung Il's speeches or activities after the death of Kim Il Sung, the president of North Korea, or contain predictions on future relationships between Kim Jung Il and political powers.

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<CONC>

Chairman Kim, North Korea, Kim Il Sung, Kim Jung Il, death of Kim Il Sung

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-029</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>Agricultural and Marine Products</TITLE>

<DESC>

Price changes in agricultural and marine products due to sudden changes in weather

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<NARR>

Documents on the changes in agricultural and marine products due to weather

changes are being sought. Relevant documents should include specific product names, price ranges, changes in supplies and demands.

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<CONC>

Agricultural products, marine products, farm products, aquatic products, farming, fisheries, markets for agricultural and marine products

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<ONUM>NTCIR3-94-030</ONUM>

<SLANG>KR</SLANG>

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<TITLE>APEC and Taiwan</TITLE>

<DESC>

Reports on Taiwan officials' participation in APEC and its diplomatic achievements

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<NARR>

Relevant documents should describe Taiwan's participation in APEC meetings or report on meetings between Taiwan's representatives and Korean or Japanese representatives in APEC. Documents that include discussion about Taiwan in APEC alone are partially relevant.

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<CONC>

APEC, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Taiwanese representatives

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