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**Summary:**

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the meeting between Filipino bankers and the Chinese government to promote cultural and economic exchange between two countries.

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Dear Mr. Minister:

Fourteen bankers, headed by Alfredo Galalang, President of the Bankers Association of the Philippines, were invited by the Taipei government to be guests of the nation to explore possibilities of furthering the trade between the two countries. The members of the Philippine Cultural Mission, sponsored by the local Chinese community went to Taipei to introduce Filipino culture and foster cultural relations. Realizing the importance of collaborating with the Philippines, the Chinese community exerts all possible effort to bring the two peoples closer.

Australian Ambassador Keith C.O. Shann left here for New York to attend the administration and budgetary committee of the United Nations General Assembly. He has been Australian representative to the UN for the last nine years prior to his Manila post.

Former deputy Cabinet Secretary Takizo (Frank) Matsumoto is reported to replace incumbent Japanese Ambassador Koichiro Asakai to strengthen "economic diplomacy" in the Philippines. Asakai has been in Manila several months ago and was an instrument in concluding the Japanese Reparations Agreement with the Philippines. As an economist and Far Eastern Trade Bureau chief, he was sent by the Hatoyama government. Frank Matsumoto is not strange to the Philippines for he has been a frequent visitor here in connection with the promotion of the Far Eastern Baseball tournament which was held in Manila in 1954-55 and participated in by amateur baseball teams from the Philippines, China, Korea and Japan.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany Staatssekretar W. Hallstein is scheduled to stop over here enroute to Japan in the middle of February. The German Minister von Furstenberg told me that he is not sure whether the deputy foreign minister would visit Korea on this trip. Germany has no diplomatic relations with Taipei.

The new vice minister of Foreign Affairs in the <sup>Shiobara</sup> ~~Nishigawa~~ cabinet, Ohno, was the Japanese minister to the Philippines during 1953 to 1955, and, having failed to reach an accord on the Japanese reparations payment agreement with the Philippines, he was transferred to Austria and later to Bonn as the Japanese ambassador. He was one of the members of the first Korea-Japan Peace Negotiations panel in 1952. Personally, I happened to get acquainted with him while he was here and he seems to be sympathetic to an amicable solution of the Korea-Japan problem.



Dr. A.M. Malik, at present Pakistan's ambassador in Switzerland, is being transferred to Manila for his assignment. Malik was a medical practitioner prior to his appointment as health minister in 1947.

Shao Cho-ling, the first Chinese ambassador to Korea, has been appointed as ambassador to Turkey.

Yours truly,

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