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Wooing' our professionals

TAIPEI: Premier Yu Kuo-hua said yesterday Taiwan would "adopt flexible expedient measures" to allow Hongkong Chinese professionals to work in Taiwan when "it becomes necessary."

Mr Yu said the professionals would include lawyers, doctors, architects and accountants in the territory.

Mr Yu did not elaborate on what he meant by "expedient measures."

Under present Taiwanese law, doctors, lawyers, and other professionals from Hongkong are required to pass an examination in their professions here before being allowed to work in Taiwan. — AP

BEIJING: In a major treatise on China's peaceful reunification offer to Taiwan, a leading Beijing magazine said on Monday the island could retain its capitalist system for at least 62 years.

The official *Beijing Review* weekly ruled out as "impractical" the Taiwanese hope that Communist China would one day adopt Taiwan's political, social and economic system.

It also rejected suggestions that the 37-year split between Chinese Communists and Nationalists be resolved by creating a Singapore-like independent Taiwan, a "federal state" system or a two-Germans

How long Beijing will let Taipei keep system: magazine

Taiwanese are dissatisfied with the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) government's policy of "no contact, no compromise and no peace talks with the mainland."

"Because of the people's displeasure, however, the Taiwan authorities have relaxed to some extent their control on entrepot trade and exchanges with the mainland. This trend bodes well for the peaceful settlement of the Taiwan issue," he said.

Indirect trade through Hongkong totaled US\$840 million (HK\$6.57 billion)

A 62-year deal

in the first 10 months of 1985, a 179 percent increase from the same period of 1984, according to Hongkong government figures. Chinese officials told a visiting Western diplomat this month that an additional US\$400 million in smuggled goods changed hands last year.

China welcomes Taiwanese trade through coastal Fujian province, while Taiwan formally prohibits direct contact.

Beijing first dropped its talk about "liberating" Taiwan in 1979

The "one country, two systems" plan was promoted by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. — AP