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Texas products may go to Japan

United Press International
DALLAS — Some of the things Texans are most apt to take for granted — space, beef and wide leather belts — are considered luxuries by many Japanese.

In an effort to promote trade between the United States and Japan, the five Central Japan prefectures of Aichi, Gifu, Mie, Ishikawa and Toyama have sponsored a Central Japan Products Exhibition in the Hall of Nations of the World Trade Center.

The exhibition, which ends today featured many Japanese products, some of which had never before been shown in the United States. Some items presented by area businessmen to be considered for export to Japan are a metal detector, tiles, floor and wall coverings, canned meats, beans and other vegetables, and a packaging method for peanuts which might be adapted for rice and other Japanese products.

"I've never seen a metal detector in Japan, but there might be a market for them," said Hirokuni Inoue, director of Unicorp International Inc.

Inoue is in charge of the Consultation Corner at the exhibition, an area set up by promoters primarily for Metroplex companies to discuss exporting products to Japan.

"The drop in the dollar's strength against the yen has caused a reversal

in central Japan, creating more emphasis on importing than exporting," said Kaname Iwata, vice governor of the Aichi Prefectural government.

He said he bought hats and belts at the exhibition for his family.

Inoue added that leather items are very expensive in Japan, and many Japanese visitors to the United States buy the belts, buckles and wallets as gifts.

"Unfortunately, most distributors are small and don't know how to finance these items to export them," Inoue said.

An onion ring mix which Inoue carried in his briefcase has a big market in Japan. But the Japanese have more stringent regulations on additives, preservatives and colors. Many are prohibited. They also put very high surcharges on imported foods.

Inoue said the Japanese are focusing trade effort on Dallas because of extensive publicity on Japanese television and in newspapers indicated that the area is growing rapidly and has much potential.

"Many Japanese have an image of this area as wide-open, deserts, cowboys and cowgirls and dusty, like in a Western movie, Inoue said. It is a Japanese dream to have a lot of land, big yard to play in and to travel high speed by car, he said.

"Many Japanese had a dream-like, idolic image of John F. Kennedy, and when he was assassinated here they got a bad image of the area," Inoue said. But when Japanese businesspeople come here, they instantly change that bad image by looking at the facts.

Insurance cost to rise

Auto rates may change

United Press International
AUSTIN — The State Board of Insurance will act Wednesday on industry requests for a 10.7 percent, \$125 million increase in premiums Texas motorists pay for auto insurance.

The industry proposal calls for a 8.9 percent, \$95 million increase in premiums for insurance on private passenger vehicles effective Oct. 1.

Staff actuaries for the insurance board are recommending a 5.2 percent, \$62 million increase in total premiums on motor vehicles, including a 3.2 percent, \$35 million increase in rates for private passenger vehicles.

"What the staff recommended was small — one of the smallest increases since I've been here," said longtime board member and former chairman, Ned Price. "If

we vote an increase it'll be a small one."

Price and Durwood Manford, also a longtime member of the board and former chairman, will have to agree for new rates to be put into effect by Oct. 1 as proposed.

The third seat on the board has remained vacant since the Senate voted 27-1 last month to oust Hugh C. Yantis Jr. as chairman.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has given no indication when he will name a replacement for Yantis.

At the annual public hearing on auto insurance rates July 19 Yantis said he wanted to hold additional hearings around the state for consumers to present their views before deciding on any rate increase.

"Mr. Manford and I have not entertained that idea," Price said Tuesday. "We've got to reach a

decision. We've got a state workmen's compensation (insurance rate) hearing in (Austin). The staff is just as busy as I am."

Statewide auto insurance rates have not changed since 1976.

Insurance companies have requested a 17.4 percent increase in rates for private passenger vehicles and the board recommended a 10.1 percent increase, but Yantis and Manford, predecessor as chairman, Joe Yantis, balked at approving an increase while industry rates were high.

The Oct. 1, 1976 increase of 7.1 percent came on the heels of a 17.1 percent jump in auto insurance rates on Jan. 1, 1975, and a 7.8 percent increase on Jan. 16, 1975.

Rates were cut 4.3 percent in 1973 and 11.2 percent in 1974.

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Four kids wreck 30 new cars

United Press International
PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Four children, ages 7 to 13, played their own version of demolition derby Monday, racking up at least \$100,000 of damage to 30 brand new imported cars, police said.

They said the boys, ages 7, 8 and 13, and a girl, age 12, managed to drive 30 new cars into one another at the Allens Avenue Shipyard before a security guard caught them.

The cars, owned by Rhode Island Imports, had arrived through the port of Providence and were destined for dealers around the Northeast.

Building and renovation continue at Consolidated

The A&M Consolidated Independent School District is undergoing new construction and extensive renovations, in keeping with a \$6.4 million school bond passed in April 1976.

All four campuses in the district plus the special services area on Jersey Street are affected by the bond issue.

Superintendent Fred A. Hopson said Tuesday the building and renovation program will "meet the current needs" of the school district. He said to keep up with increasing enrollment, the program will need to continue.

Hopson cited a low pupil-teacher ratio as the main priority of the school district and said a continuing building program would help keep the low ratio.

The two elementary schools, South Knoll and College Hills, will soon have new "multi-purpose" and kindergarten classroom facilities. The district contracted Marcal Inc. of Bryan for the new buildings at both locations for \$1.4 million. The multi-purpose buildings will house

classes in physical education, music and Spanish.

Kindergarten classes, now held in the special services area, will move into new quarters at both elementary schools. Occupancy is set for sometime this fall.

New construction also is underway for a separate fifth and sixth grade building to adjoin the A&M Consolidated Middle School. Upon completion of the project, kindergarten through fourth grade will meet at the elementary schools, and grades five through eight will be in the middle school. The fifth grade is now in the elementary grades.

The fifth and sixth grade building is scheduled for a fall 1979 occupancy, but with construction moving ahead of date, there is a possibility of spring completion, a school official said. Additions to the high school are set for spring completion.

Middle school construction is part of a \$2.8 million building contract with the BFW Construction Co. of Temple. The contract also includes an addition to the vocational wing and the library of the A&M Con-

solidated High School, and renovations at the middle school.

Many renovations were completed with a few more yet to be done. Among the improvements were the installation of new windows on the north wall, and conditioning units relocated from the ground, metal lockers stalled with new walls to displace classrooms from the hallway.

Renovation of the auditorium addition, there are improvements in the heating, cooling, and electrical systems. A new entrance on the southwest side of the building is re-built to facilitate handicapped students. The entire building is barrier-free to the handicapped.

Other renovations at the middle school will be complete later this semester.

Additional construction improvements in the district include a new field house for the high school, a new cooling facility at the high school, a new gymnasium and renovations in the four buildings for special services area.

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