

## ONLINE NEWS

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### China News database

In February 1989 Australian Associated Press (AAP) launched its AAP Data service, then known as News Review, a dial-up historical (archival) database of financial news. The service gives the opportunity to business analysts, portfolio managers and information researchers to identify and collect business profiles and to track economic performances. Service are updated nightly, so that the previous day's information is available.

AAP Data uses BASIS information retrieval software, and searchers may use commands or menus.

In addition to reports covering financial, political, industrial and sports events in Australia, AAP's news wires also carry material from various international news agencies including Reuters, Associated Press of America, Agence France Presse, and Guangming Daily of China.

Each day AAP receives news from the major newspapers and senior government departments in China. Coverage in its China News database dates from 1st January 1989. Stories fall into such categories as: general economic news; requests for joint venturers; requests for foreign bids; announcement of exhibitions; and published research results.

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### Asia-Pacific database

DIALOG has launched the Asia-Pacific database, which provides coverage of the business and economics of Asia, from the Middle East to Japan and North and South Korea, to Australia and New Zealand and the Pacific island nations. Asia-Pacific selectively covers many US and international publications. The database provides systematic coverage of the countries included, with background information provided uniformly for all countries covered. In addition, the monograph literature is selectively indexed to close gaps in coverage that typically occur in the journal literature.

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For further details, consult DIALOG Bluesheet for file 30.

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### Japanese information online

Business information on Japan is available in a number of online sources. Phae Dorman brings them together in a recent article:

Dorman, Phae H. "Online sources of Japanese information... a guide." Database 10(4) August 1987: 15-16.

