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((TEXT)) BEIJING, AUGUST 21 (XINHUA) -- CHINESE SCIENTISTS ARE
URGENTLY CALLING FOR COOPERATION WORLDWIDE TO RESEARCH INTO
*UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOS), ALSO KNOWN AS FLYING SAUCERS.
MORE THAN 50 SCIENTISTS REACHED AN AGREEMENT AT AN INTERNATIONAL
*CONFERENCE HERE TODAY THAT UFOS POSE A BIG CHALLENGE TO MODERN
SCIENCE AND HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON HUMAN LIFE.
* "IT IS IMPERATIVE TO CARRY OUT A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN, BECAUSE UFOS
ARE A WORLDWIDE CONCERN AND COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH IN THE AREA
ENTAILS HELP FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE OF
STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY," SAID WANG CHANGTING, CHAIRMAN OF THE
*BEIJING-BASED CHINA UFO RESEARCH ORGANIZATION.
WANG WAS SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE, WHICH ENDED HERE TODAY, HOSTED
BY THE ORGANIZATION TO EXHIBIT FINDINGS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION
*ABOUT UFOS SIGHTED IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.
* WANG SAID THAT HIS ORGANIZATION RECORDED SOME "SURPRISING" UFO
CASES IN CHINA DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME LAST MONTH WHEN THE
SHOEMAKER-LEVY COMET COLLIDED WITH JUPITER. THOSE CASES, HE SAID,
ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AND MAY BE THE FIRST REPORTS OF "CLOSE
ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND" TAKING PLACE IN CHINA.
HE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF THE REPORTS.
MORE THAN 2,000 PHOTOS, VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPES, BOOKS, MAGAZINES
*AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING UFO SIGHTINGS AND RESEARCH WERE ON DISPLAY
AT THE FOUR-DAY MEETING, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HELD IN CHINA AND
ATTENDED BY RESEARCHERS FROM CHINA, JAPAN AND CHINA'S TAIWAN
PROVINCE.
CHINA HAS REPORTED MORE THAN 5,000 SIGHTINGS, OR ONE-EIGHTH OF
THE TOTAL WORLDWIDE, RANKING AMONG THE FIRST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS
*OF UFO SIGHTINGS AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ITS STUDY,
SAID WANG.
"WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY EXPLAINED MOST OF THE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL
PHENOMENA -- THEY WERE FRAGMENTS OF MAN-MADE SATELLITES, AEROLITES,
BALLOONS, AND LIGHTNING BOLTS," SAID WANG, A SENIOR ENGINEER, WHO
*CLAIMS TO HAVE SPOTTED UFOS TWICE HIMSELF.
AS TO THE REST OF THE CASES, CONVINCING EXPLANATIONS ARE STILL
LACKING, HE ADDED.
THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1978 PASSED A RESOLUTION URGING ITS MEMBERS
*TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH ON UFOS.
* WANG SAID THAT CHINA'S UFO RESEARCH SERVES TO HELP ELIMINATE

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