

Japan proposes six-point plan to develop aid initiative for APEC

FUKUOKA, Japan, Feb 14: Japan proposed Tuesday a six-point plan to develop its aid initiative for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, urging the private sector and non-government agencies to take part, says AFP.

outlined the goals, background and scope of the initiative along with conditions and steps for realising such programme. A diplomat from one APEC country said the Japanese proposal was well received by other members of the group although there were demands for "further clarifications" on some issues.

The secretariat should bear the role of a clearing house with the primary goal of gathering information relevant to PPP programmes," the Japanese proposals aid. Under a three-year arrangement ending this year, the Singapore secretariat has 12 professional staff seconded from APEC members. Facilities and support staff are provided by the Singapore government.

common regional issues to show their own initiative. Under its proposal, the scope of the programme could be extended from existing APEC activities to other areas in the future while its conditions would eventually allow countries from outside the region to take part.

Bid to explore oil, gas in deep seas India may invite int'l cos

NEW DELHI, Feb 14: India is considering inviting international oil giants to join hands with its public sector companies in the exploration for oil and natural gas in deep seas, official sources disclosed here yesterday, says Xinhua.

The sources said a plan has already been drawn up by the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas which envisages majority stake for the foreign company in joint ventures with the oil and natural gas corporation and Oil India Ltd., two largest state-owned enterprises in oil production in the country.

Exchange Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US Dollar, GBP, DM, F Franc, C Doll, S Franc, Jap Yen, IRS, Pak Rupee, Iranian Rial, S Riyal, UAE Dirham, Kuwaiti Dinar, D Guilders, S Krona, Malaysian Ringgit, and Singapore Dollar.

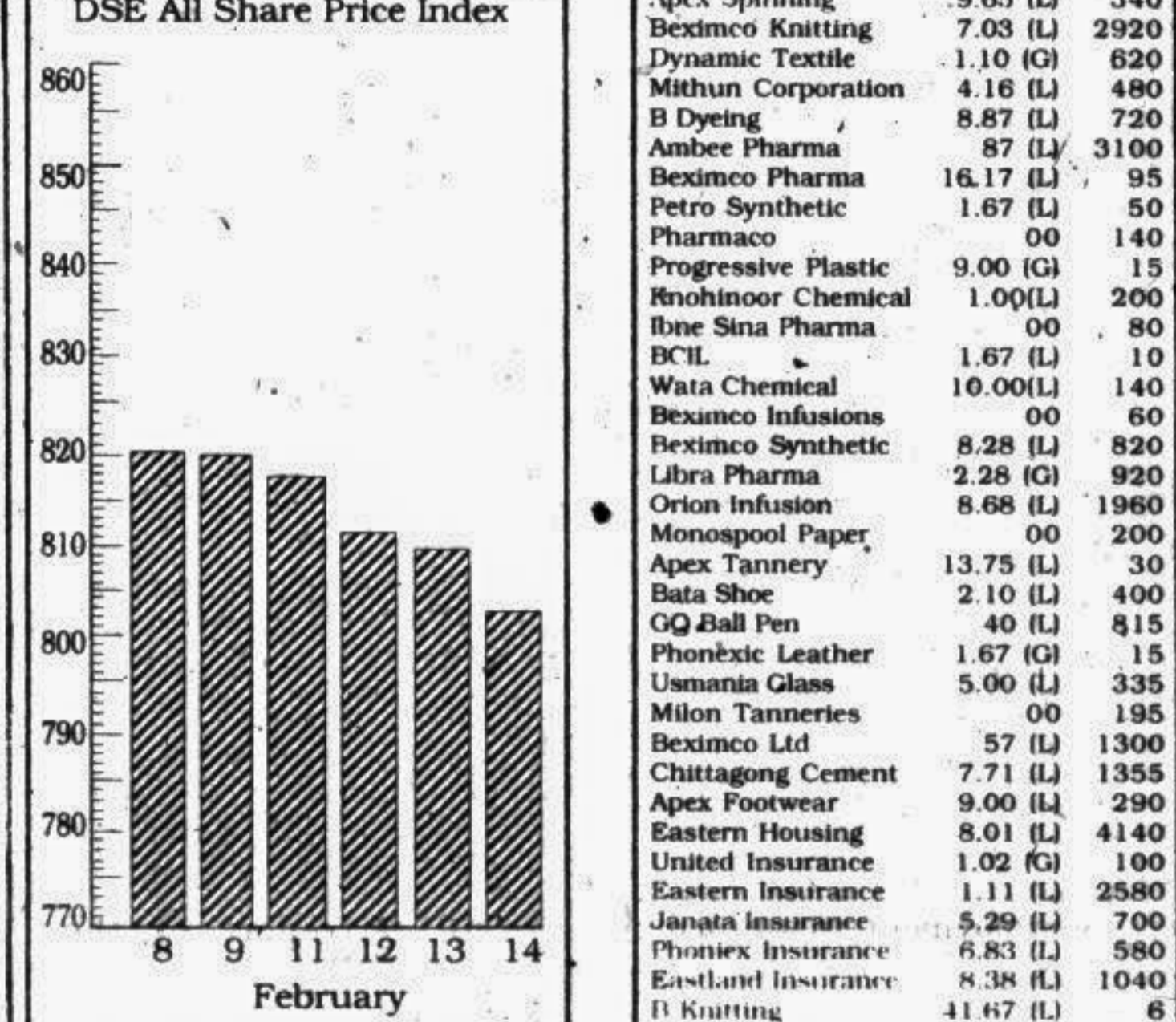
Shipping Intelligence

Shipping intelligence table with columns for Berth position and performance of vessels as on 14.2.95, including vessel names, cargo, ports, and dates.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on February 14, 1995 Index falls by 7 points

Table of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) trading data, including DSE All Share Price Index, Market Capitalisation, Turnover in Volume, and a list of company share prices.



DSE Shares and Debentures

Table listing DSE Shares and Debentures, including company names, face value, closing price, and other financial details.

Three Americans to vie for World Bank presidentship

NEW YORK, Feb 14: Three Americans are leading contenders to replace Lewis Preston, who disclosed that he has cancer, as President of the World Bank. The New York Times reported on Monday, says Reuters.

Preston, 68, is widely expected to retire soon, the paper said. The principal contenders are Lawrence Summers, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs and a former chief economist at the World Bank.



This photo released Sunday by the official North Korean News Agency (KCNA) shows a memorial gold coin sporting a likeness of late DPRK leader Kim Il Sung issued by North Korea on Saturday.

Indian, US firms sign 23 power contracts worth \$1.5b

NEW DELHI, Feb 14: Indian and US firms yesterday signed 23 power contracts worth 1.5 billion dollars, taking US investment in the sector to more than 10 billion dollars since July, officials said, reports AFP.

and visiting US energy secretary Hazel O'Leary, they said. O'Leary, who arrived here early Saturday, six months after her first presidential mission when 18 pacts were formalised, said they would create highly-paid jobs for technical and qualified personnel.

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