

Clinton, Zhu agree to intensify WTO talks

WASHINGTON, Apr 15: President Bill Clinton and Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji agreed on Tuesday to intensify talks on China's entry into the World Trade Organisation with a new round of negotiations in Beijing by the end of April, reports Reuters.

Zhu struck an upbeat tone in an interview with CNN on Tuesday evening, saying he expected China and the United States to resolve their differences about China's entry into the WTO within two to three months.

Both sides had hoped to announce a deal for China to join the WTO as the centerpiece of Zhu's US visit, the first by a Chinese premier to the United States in 15 years.

Russian economy shows a lot of promising signs

MOSCOW, Apr 15: Russia's economy showed hints of improvement in February, but the statistics can be misleading because they largely reflect the devaluation of the rouble, a group of economists said Tuesday, reports AP.

goods and services increased by 5 per cent in February, Westin said. But the level of spending is still 15 per cent lower than the 1997 average, though it is the first such increase since the financial crisis in August, he added.

pline only happens once governments don't have the possibility of borrowing money," said Rudiger Ahrendt, the centre's executive director.

Exchange Rates

Table with columns for Selling, Buying, and various currencies like USD, JPY, CHF, CAD, SEK, AUD, MYR, HKD, SAR, AED, KRW, GBP, EUR. Includes sub-tables for US Dollar and Market Commentary.



AMA Muhith, former Finance Minister (sitting 4th from right) and Dr Ranjan Das, Professor of Strategic Management of the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (sitting 4th from left), are seen with the participants of a seminar on managing change organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited at a local hotel Wednesday.

Ford earnings up 20pc

DETROIT, Apr 15: Ford Motor Co. said Thursday that strong sales in North America helped it post a 20 per cent increase in operating earnings during the first quarter, beating Wall Street's expectations, says AP.

WB pledges \$2.3b loan for Russia

MOSCOW, Apr 15: Visiting World Bank President James Wolfensohn on Thursday promised Russia \$2.3 billion in new loans over two years once the government reaches agreement with the International Monetary Fund, reports AP.

nalise loan talks with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund before the end of the month.

Shipping Intelligence

Table titled 'CHITAGONG PORT' showing berth position and performance of vessels as on 15.4.99. Includes columns for Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L. Port, Local Agent, Date of Leaving, and Arrival.

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Advertisement for 'WORLD BANK VACANCY'. A notice from the World Bank Dhaka Office seeking a Research Associate for the Education Team. Includes background information, minimum requirements, and application details.