

## **Japan's Motegi says US talks set for April 15-16**

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**Tokyo:** Economy Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said on Friday Japan and the United States will hold the first round of trade talks on April 15-16 in Washington, to find ways to address U.S. concerns over the large surplus Japan enjoys in bilateral trade.

U.S. President Donald Trump has made clear he is unhappy with Japan's \$69 billion trade surplus with the United States "nearly two-thirds of it from auto exports" and wants a two-way agreement to address it.

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