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## SOUTH KOREA BRACES ITSELF FOR TOUGH US TRADE TALKS AS LIBERAL PARTY ISSUES CAUTION

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South Koreas acting President Han Duck-soo said on April 21 that he expected trade talks with the United States this week in Washington to be the start of meaningful cooperation, but added that negotiations may not be easy.

Mr Han said that South Koreas ministers of finance and industry are meeting US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on April 24.

Seoul will make an all-out effort to find a mutually beneficial solution by calmly and seriously consulting with the US under the principle of prioritising national interest, Mr Han said.

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