**A Greek lesson**

**VIEWPOINT**

The 'Beijing Consensus' could have a serious downside, says DEEPAK LAL

IT WAS in China recently after two years that I decided to go back to that country to catch up with the contributions of the charismatic leader Hu Jintao. I had always been impressed by the way China is run under the leadership of Hu Jintao. I had been thinking that the small European country of Luxembourg, which was the seat of the European Union (EU), should have won the world's best government award, but now I think China has earned it in a more meaningful way. The foreign minister of China, Yang Chao, who was my main contact, had given me all the relevant data and statistics to support his argument. He was aware that the EU had won the award in the past, but China was now in a much better position to win it.

**CHINA'S HUBRIS**

The desire to be the world's best government requires a long-term plan. China has been on a track for the past few years to achieve this goal. The Chinese government has been pushing a series of measures to improve the economy and to make it more competitive. It has also been working on improving the social services and infrastructure in the country.

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The recent killing of Obama bin Laden in Pakistan by the US forces has led to a number of interesting developments. The US administration has been under pressure to reveal the details of the operation. However, the US president has been careful not to release any information that could compromise the operation. This has led to a number of speculations and rumors. One such speculation is that the operation was carried out by a small team of special forces.

**Is Pakistan sincere?**

Pakistan has been under pressure to explain its role in the support of the Taliban and al-Qaeda. The US has been particularly concerned about the support provided to these groups. However, Pakistan has been reluctant to cooperate with the US. The US has been pushing for a resolution of the crisis in Afghanistan and Pakistan has been reluctant to cooperate. This has led to a number of tensions between the two countries.

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