

Asian stocks end mixed

AFP, Hong Kong
Asian stock markets gave mixed performances Thursday amid uncertainty over a rescue for the US auto sector and prospective interest rate cuts to drag countries out of an economic slump, dealers said.

told Dow Jones Newswires.
Analysts in Hong Kong said stocks were also supported by hopes that Beijing will announce more stimulus measures for China's flagging economy, after a top-level economic meeting this week.

an unprecedented 100 basis points to a record low of three percent, the fourth cut in just over two months. Economists had expected a 50 basis point cut.
Taiwan's central bank also announced it was slashing interest rates by 75 basis points from 2.75 percent to 2.00 percent, the biggest cut in 26 years and the fifth in two months.



Warid Telecom International has started disbursement of sales commission to its retailers (point of sales) under the franchises for the first time. Zahir Raihan, regional manager of Warid, is seen handing over the commissions to the retailers in Dhaka recently.



Rumman Taimur, area sales manager (central zone) of Lafarge Surma Cement Limited, speaks at the Retailers' Meet, organized by the company in Narayanganj recently. About 140 retailers and distributors attended the programme.

Currency

Following is Thursday's (December 11, 2008) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Per USD, BDT per Currency. Includes rates for US dollar, Euro, Pound, etc.

\* All currencies are quoted against BDT
\* Rates may vary based on nature of transaction

Local Market FX
Local inter-bank FX market was subdued on Thursday as the banks opened after the Eid break. There was sufficient demand for the USD and there was ample liquidity in the market. USD/BDT remained unchanged.

Money Market
Money market was active on Thursday. Market was slightly light and most deals traded at 9.00-11.00 percent which was a bit higher than the previous working day.

International Market
The euro hit a six-week high against a broadly weaker dollar on Thursday with doubts beginning to creep in as to whether projected pent-up demand for the US currency would materialise over the year-end. Dealers also cited technical momentum in favour of the euro, having vaulted the \$1.30 level, while markets were still keeping a keen eye on chequered progress of a bailout for the troubled US auto sector.

Oil rebounds

AFP, London
Oil prices jumped two dollars on Thursday as traders set aside a gloomy demand forecast by the IEA to focus on next week's OPEC meeting where the cartel is expected to unveil plans to cut crude output.

The market largely ignored the International Energy Agency's (IEA) forecast that global oil demand would fall this year for the first time since 1983 owing to a worldwide economic slowdown.

Light sweet crude for delivery in January climbed 2.07 dollars to 45.59 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).

ECB chief economist plays down rate cut

AFP, Frankfurt
The European Central Bank's chief economist downplayed the likelihood of an interest rate cut in January, saying that after three straight reductions, the ECB's room for manoeuvre is now very limited.

Following the substantial rate decreases, the remaining room for manoeuvre is very limited and only allows for potentially small gestures, Germany's Juergen Stark said in a speech late Wednesday in southwestern Tuebingen.

His comments will likely cool markets that have been expecting lending rates to be lowered again by 0.50 percentage points in mid-January.

Faced with a recession in the 15-nation eurozone and inflation that has fallen rapidly as oil prices collapsed, the ECB has cut its benchmark rate by a total of 1.75 percentage points in the past two months.

Last week, a 0.75 percent reduction, its biggest on record, brought the rate down to 2.50 percent, following a coordinated cut of 0.50 percentage points with other central banks in early October and a second one in November.

Thai GDP growth to slow to 2pc in 2009

AFP, Bangkok
Thailand's finance minister on Thursday forecast economic growth at two percent next year after crippling protests, the lowest level since Thailand recovered from the Asian financial crisis.
Suchart Thada-Thamrongvech said gross domestic product (GDP) would likely fall in the first three months of 2009 by between 0.5 and 1.0 percent, before levelling to 2.0 percent growth for the year.

expected to start improving following the US government's economy-boosting policies, he added.
Thailand suffered billions of dollars of losses when anti-government protesters marched on Bangkok's two main airports, forcing the main Suvarnabhumi international hub to close from November 25 to December 3.
Industry experts and analysts say the protests will have long-term knock-on effects for tourism, industry, exports and investment.
The airport seizures came after six months of street protests in Bangkok, which helped send Thailand's bourse falling about 50 percent since late May.
If growth is confirmed at 2.0 percent next year, that will be its lowest level since 1998, when Thailand saw GDP fall 10.5 percent as it struggled to recover from the Asian financial crisis a year earlier, UN figures show.

Shipping
Chittagong Port
Table with columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import doc. Lists various vessels and their schedules.

Vessels at Kutubdia
Table with columns: Name of vessels, Cargo call, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels at the port and their details.

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চট্টগ্রাম
নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি
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BPDB's International Tender Notice
1 Ministry/Division Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2 Agency Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3 Procuring entity name Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4 Procuring entity code Not used at present.
5 Procuring entity district Dinajpur.
6 Invitation for Procurement of Spares for Coal Pulverizer HP 703 Bowl Mill of Barapukuria Power Station, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dinajpur.
7 Invitation for tenders Ref. No. Pur-406/2008.
8 Date 30.11.2008.
KEY INFORMATION
9 Procurement method Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and source of funds BPDB's revenue budget.
11 Development partners (If applicable) Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION
12 Project/programme code (If applicable) Not applicable.
13 Project/programme name (If applicable) Not applicable.
14 Tender package no. 78 (FY 2008-2009).
15 Tender package name Procurement of Spares for Coal Pulverizer HP 703 Bowl Mill of Barapukuria Power Station, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dinajpur.
16 Tender publication date 30.11.2008.
17 Tender selling date 01.12.2008 to 20-01-2009.
18 Tender closing date and time 21.01.2009 at 11.00am.
19 Tender opening date and time 21.01.2009 at 11.30am.
20 Name & address of the office Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21 Selling tender document (principal) Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
22 Selling tender document (other) Not applicable.
23 Receiving tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
24 Opening tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
25 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER
26 Eligibility of tenderer The manufacturer/tenderer shall have a minimum of three years of specific experience in the production & supply of similar goods.
27 Brief description of goods or works Procurement of Spare Parts for Instrument & Control (I&C), Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dinajpur.
28 Brief description of related services N/A.
29 Price of tender document (BDT) BDT. 5,000.00 (five thousand) as a Pay-Order (non-refundable) of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
30 Lot Identification of lot Location Tender security amount in USD or BDT Validity of shipment
31 Procurement of Spares for Coal Pulverizer HP 703 Bowl Mill of Barapukuria Power Station, BPDB, Barapukuria, Dinajpur. USD 9,000.00 (US dollar nine thousand) or BDT 6,30,000.00 (six lakh thirty thousand) only 150 days from the date of opening of L/C
32 Validity of tender and tender security 120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.
33 Name of official inviting tender Md Abduhu Ruhullah.
34 Designation of official inviting tender Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS
35 Address of official inviting tender WAPDA Building (9th floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
36 Contact details of official inviting tender Tel +88 02 9550532; Fax +88 02 7126151.
37 Special instruction Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.
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