

Most Asian markets rise

AP, Hong Kong

Most Asian markets rose modestly Tuesday but trimmed their early gains, as optimism over billions of dollars in new stimulus measures in Japan and Australia gave way to concerns about the sputtering global economy.

In Tokyo, stocks got a jolt after the Bank of Japan said it would buy 1 trillion yen (\$11.2 billion) in corporate shares held by financial institutions to help shore up capital at commercial banks, who've taken a beating from volatile equities markets. But the rally soon fizzled.

Australia announced 42 billion Australian dollars (\$26 billion) in fresh spending in hopes of shielding the country's resources-based economy from the global downturn. Hours after the announcement, the country's central bank slashed the benchmark cash rate by a full percentage point,

sending money market rates to their lowest in 45 years.

After helping lift markets across the region early on, news of the latest government intervention was overtaken by anxiety among many investors about sinking corporate profits and signs of economic weakness in Asia and beyond.

In the U.S. overnight, new figures showed personal spending and total construction spending eroded further last month in the world's largest economy, a vast market for Asian products. Uncertainty about the details of America's \$819 billion stimulus proposal, still up for debate in the U.S. Senate, also sidelined investors.

"People are looking toward stimulus packages with cautious optimism, but I wouldn't say we're breaking the shackles that are holding us back," said Miles Remington, head of Asian sales trading at BNP Paribas Securities in Hong

Kong. "I don't think the global economy has really changed on a fundamental basis."

The Nikkei 225 stock average fell 48.47 points, or about 0.6 percent, to 7,825.51 after trading about 1 percent higher earlier in the session. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index, also green earlier in the day, declined 0.7 percent to 12,776.89.

Elsewhere, South Korea's Kospi added 1.4 percent at 1,163.20 points and Australia's key stock measure rose 0.3 percent. Markets in India, China, Singapore and Taiwan also advanced.

Japanese bank shares initially soared on news of the stock purchase plan before selling down. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc. edged up 0.6 percent, while Mizuho Financial Group Inc. closed flat. The country's largest bank, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc., which reports earnings Friday, fell 0.8 percent.



Zafar Osman, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), and James Crittle, chief of IFC in Bangladesh, exchange documents after signing an agreement at the DCCI on Monday. The deal was meant to fund the Dhaka Custom House automation.



Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of Prime Bank, speaks at its 14th annual business conference at Bangladesh China Friendship Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh



Commerce Minister Faruk Khan attends the monthly luncheon meeting of American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

Euro nears 2-month lows

AFP, Tokyo

The euro was close to two-month lows against the dollar in Asia Tuesday ahead of inflation data in Europe that could support the case for lower interest rates in the region, dealers said.

The euro slipped to 1.2834 dollars in Tokyo morning trade, down from 1.2846 in New York late Monday. The euro slipped to 114.73 yen from 114.92. The dollar was flat at 89.46 yen.

Currency

Following is Tuesday's (February 3, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates	Exchange rate of some currencies				
BC Sell	TT Buy	Per USD	BDT per Currency		
US dollar	69.50	68.50			
Euro	91.25	86.61			
Pound	100.78	95.86	Indian rupee	48.79	1.39
Australian dollar	45.94	42.38	Pak rupee	78.88	0.86
Japanese yen	0.80	0.76	Lankan rupee	114.05	0.59
Swiss franc	61.42	57.61	Thai baht	34.95	1.94
Swedish krona	8.78	7.95	Malaysian ringgit	3.62	18.75
Canadian dollar	58.88	54.66	USD forward rate against BDT		
Hong Kong dollar	8.98	8.81	Buy	Sell	
Singapore dollar	47.15	45.28	1M	68.74	69.75
UAE Dirham	19.07	18.51	2M	68.84	69.90
Saudi riyal	18.67	18.11	3M	68.97	70.63
Danish kroner	12.44	11.49	6M	69.61	71.94
Kuwaiti dinar	229.80	228.86			

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Market Highlights

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Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	2,357,864,454.80	329,231,321.50
Total Turnover (Volume)	18,421,669	3,383,484
Number of Contract	66,983	11,359
Total Traded Issues	261	157
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	68	39
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	193	118
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. Price Basis)	-	-
Market Cap. (Taka)	820,088,357,204	764,221,676,090
Market Cap. (USD)	11,972,092,306	11,448,491,622
Price Earning Ratio	18.72	18.52
Earning Per Share (%)	25.65	25.37

Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M. Tk.)	(%)	Big Lot Share
Beimco Pharma-A	1,457,876	241.54	10.24	19,200
Sumitomo Power-A	1,533,306	135.77	5.76	10,000
BEIMCO Ltd.-A	603,587	118.07	5.01	10,000
Shimadzu Ceramics-N	1,005,000	107.85	4.57	10,000
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Capital Gainers/Losers

Company	Price Chn.	Cln. Avg.	Cln. Price	M.Tk.
Alpha Tobacco-Z	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
Mitun Knitting-A	17.28	24.16	26.97	5.243
BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
Amam Sea Food-Z	12.72	12.79	12.85	0.006
Mitun Knitting-A	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
Chittagong Veg-Z	18.85	18.59	36.25	0.001
Amam Sea Food-Z	18.85	18.59	36.25	0.001
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Company Closers/Dividend/IPO

Company	Meeting Date	Venue	Time
Sara Refractories-Z	08-Jan	Hed Sundarban (H)	10:00
Easton Oil Co-A	31-Jan	Man Installation, Ctg. (H)	10:00
Easton Oil Co-A	31-Jan	Man Installation, Ctg. (H)	10:00
Easton Oil Co-A	31-Jan	Man Installation, Ctg. (H)	10:00
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News from Trade Servers

AGNISYS: Terra Bangladesh Fund Limited, one of the Corporate Directors of the Company, has reported its intention to sell 250,000 shares out of its total holdings of 56,20,560 shares of the company at prevailing market price through Stock Exchange within next 30 working days.

Primary Status of IPO-Bay Leasing & Inv: All concerned are hereby informed that the primary status of the IPO of Bay Leasing & Investment Ltd. is Total amount of subscription (excluding NRB)=Tk.6,210,362,500 & the Total No. of application=493,948. Total amount received from NRB up to 29 Jan '09= Tk.300,650,000 & Total application from NRB=22,452.

Conduction of IPO Lottery-Prime Fin 1st: All concerned are hereby informed that the IPO lottery program of Prime Finance First Mutual Fund will be conducted on 4 February, 2009 at 10:30 am at Auditorium of National Sports Council (NSC Tower), 6/3, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.

Non Traded Issues

Company	PVNL (Tk.)	Closing Price	Last Trade Date
BANK INVESTMENT ENGINEERING	100/5	3190.00	06/08/08
BEIMCO LTD	100/10	1007.75	02/02/09
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Bank

Bank	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
DSE All Share Index	2168.34787	(-) 0.92%		
DSE General Index	2612.66883	(-) 0.10%		
DSE - 20 Index	2132.12183	(-) 1.34%		
CSE All Share Index	8018.83200	(-) 0.71%		
CSE - 30 Index	6711.72160	(-) 1.34%		
CSE Selected Index	5189.05940	(-) 0.78%		

Investment

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
BEIMCO LTD	100/10	1007.75	1007.75	1007.75
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Food & Allied

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
Alpha Tobacco-Z	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
Mitun Knitting-A	17.28	24.16	26.97	5.243
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Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
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Textile

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Amam Sea Food-Z	12.72	12.79	12.85	0.006

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
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BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
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IT Industries

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
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Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
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Engineering

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
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BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
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Fuel & Power

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
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BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
Amam Sea Food-Z	12.72	12.79	12.85	0.006

Leather

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
Alpha Tobacco-Z	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
Mitun Knitting-A	17.28	24.16	26.97	5.243
BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
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Paper & Packaging

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
Alpha Tobacco-Z	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
Mitun Knitting-A	17.28	24.16	26.97	5.243
BD Auto-A	17.11	21.09	23.00	17.049
Max Paper-Z	13.79	7.97	7.97	0.006
Amam Sea Food-Z	12.72	12.79	12.85	0.006

Miscellaneous

Company	100/5	100/10	100/20	100/30
Alpha Tobacco-Z	19.38	16.51	15.40	0.121
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Source: Capital Market / Listed companies are prepared on the basis of the closing price change of the traded issues. EPS= Earning per Share, BV=Book Value per Share. ** Indicates CDSL Listed. Category is mentioned beside company name after CML. All EPS & BV are disclosed in (B) applicable currencies. Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not reflect the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special formulae which is approximate just to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry figures.