Asian stocks mainly up

AFP, *Hong Kong*

Asian markets were mostly higher Wednesday as investors took heart from a rare piece of good news from the United States' economy.

Tokyo, Hong Kong and Seoul all recorded healthy gains of between two and three percent on the back of an unexpected jump in US home sales for January.

And Shanghai added more than two percent on hopes for better liquidity among banks after news that lending had increased. There was also optimism the government will announce further stimulus moves to boost the economy.

However, Sydney was two percent lower on a day the world's biggest miner BHP Billiton announced a 56.5 percent fall in first half profit.

TOKYO: Up 2.73 percent. The Nikkei-225 gained 213.43 points to end at 8,038.94.

Traders said buying from foreign investors as well as domestic long-term investors such as pension funds supported gains in the market.

The market's robust rise was a natural rebound after a three-day losing streak, Hiroichi Nishi, a broker at Nikko Cordial Securities, told Dow Jones Newswires.

HONG KONG: Up 2.3 percent. The Hang Seng Index closed up 287.00 points at 13,063.89.

China-related stocks were responsible for driving the market up following comments by Premier Wen Jiabao that raised expectations China will take fresh market-boosting measures.

"Investors took Wen's comments as a positive and speculated on any possible measures," YK Chan, a fund manager at Phillip Asset Management, told Dow Jones Newswires.

SHANGHAI: Up 2.28 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, rose 46.94 points to a near four-month high at 2,107.75.

The state-run China Securities Journal reported Wednesday that January's new yuan loans are likely to exceed 1.2 trillion yuan (175 billion dollars), far above December's 771.8 billion yuan.

Financial companies led the rally. Changjiang Securities rose 4.7 percent to 11.80 yuan.

SEOUL: Up 2.8 percent. The KOSPI gained 32.17 points to 1,195.37.

Foreigners extended their buying spree into the sixth consecutive session, while local institutions were also net buyers.

"Foreigners' interest in local stocks remained selective. They are buying stocks of only a few sectors such as technology, which have upside momentum," said Jung Seung-Jae, an analyst at Mirae Asset Securities.

SINGAPORE: Down 0.26 percent. The STI was 4.53 points lower at 1,707.39.

RUPALI INSURANCE

Mostafa Golam Quddus, chairman of Rupali Insurance Company Ltd, presides over its annual conference 2009 at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka recently.

GLOBAL INSURANCE

AKM Shaheed Reza, chairman of Global Insurance Ltd, presides over its annual business conference 2009 at Sarina Cruise in Dhaka recently.

KARMASANGSTHAN BANK

Md Sirajul Islam, chairman of Karmasangsthan Bank, speaks at the inaugural session of the bank's "Branch Managers Conference 2009" at BIAM auditorium, in Dhaka yesterday.

Oil hovers near $41

AP, *Singapore*

Oil hovered near $41 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as investors mulled the impact of OPEC production cuts and mixed signs about the U.S. economy.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery fell 14 cents to $40.64 a barrel by late afternoon in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract overnight rose 70 cents to settle at $40.78.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 4/2/2009

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L. Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import disch
J/9	Murkur Lake	Cont	Sing	Bdship	1/2	6/2	446
J/11	Banga Bonik	Cont	Col	Baridhi	2/2	5/2	130
J/12	Hansa Calypso	Cont	P. Kel	Seacom	4/2	6/2	–
Cct/1+2	Tiger Wave	Cont	Sing	Apl	2/2	5/2	–
Cct/3	Malte Rambow	Cont	Col	Mbdl	4/2	5/2	–
Nct/4	Titan-7	Rice(p)/log	Yang	Pml	10/1	7/2	–
Cq:	Yaad-e-mostafa	C. Clink	Kanta	Bsl	30/1	6/2	–
Gsj:	Banglar Doot	-	-	Bsc	R/A	6/2	–
Tsp:	Bm Warrior	Rock Phos	B. Abb	Pride	28/1	10/2	–

Vessels not ready

Dal Hung	Gas Oil	Sing	Pride	1/2
Aab-e-zamzam	Rice(p)	Yang	Cla	3/2
Banga Borak	-	-	Baridhi	R/A (2/2)

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Banglar Moni	Repair	Mumb	Bsc	R/a (2/10)
Guru Krupa	-	-	Seacom	R/a (10/10)
Golden Mars	Repair	-	Bsc	R/a (18/11)
Santa Suria-ii	Ballast	Mong	Seacom	13/12
Banglar Robi	-	-	Bsc	R/a (16/12)
Banglar Biraj	-	-	Bdship	R/a (21/12)

Vessels not entering

Marry Falcon	Tsp(bag)	Sing	Litmond	20/1
Yick Shun	Tsp(bag)	Sing	Uammoon	28/1
Sarim	C. Clink	Kohsi	Litmond	29/1
Ks Trust	C. Clink	Kanl	Asll	29/1
Lady Josephine	Wheat(p)	Niko	Uml	29/1

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Aegean Falcon	4/2	Santos	Rainbow	Sugar	-
Woqoof-e-arafat	4/2	Hald	Intraport	Repair	-
Ocean Walker	4/2	Chin	Misc	Urea(bcic)	-
Banga Bodor	4/2	P.kel	Baridhi	Cont	-
Kota Raja	5/2	Sing	Pil(bd)	Cont	Sing
Eternal Mariner	4/2	Kore	Pashp	Scraping	-
Thor Star	7/2	Hald	Everett	Scraping	-
Oel Freedom	5/2	Pkl	Pssl	Cont	Sing
Tanker due					
Clayton-ii	4/2	-	Fsa	Bitumen	Rm/3
Chang An 1	4/2	Indo	Rainbow	Rad Olein	Rm/3
Gas Oriental	8/2	Viza	Mbl	Ammonia	K(a)
Sea Luster	5/2	P. Guda	Mmsi	Cpo	Rm/3

Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with the berthing sheet of CPA provided by ITRC.

Currency

Following is Wednesday's (February 4, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Major currency exchange rates

	BC Sell	TT Buy
US dollar	69.45	68.45
Euro	91.91	87.27
Pound	101.49	95.58
Australian dollar	46.34	42.79
Japanese yen	0.80	0.76
Swiss franc	62.11	58.22
Swedish kroner	8.86	8.03
Canadian dollar	57.27	55.02
Hong Kong dollar	8.98	8.81
Singapore dollar	47.13	45.26
UAE dirham	19.06	18.49
Saudi riyal	18.66	18.10
Danish kroner	12.54	11.58
Kuwaiti dinar	229.63	228.69

Exchange rate of some currencies

	Per USD	BDT per Currency
Indian rupee	48.65	1.39
Pak rupee	78.95	0.86
Lankan rupee	113.98	0.60
Thai baht	34.95	1.94
Malaysian ringgit	3.61	18.78

USD forward rate against BDT

	Buy	Sell
1M	68.69	69.70
2M	68.79	69.85
3M	68.92	70.58
6M	69.55	71.88

STOCK

Market Highlights
February 04, 2009

DSE All Share Index : 2168.96356 (+) 0.03%
DSE General Index : 2611.20833 (-) 0.06%
DSE - 20 Index : 2133.24382 (-) 0.18%
CSE All Share Index: 7993.85840 (-) 0.31%
CSE - 30 Index : 6677.73420 (-) 0.51%
CSE Selected Index : 5167.35080 (-) 0.42%

Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	2,294,484,458.70	278,826,250.00
Total Turnover (Volume)	20,026,023	3,602,603
Number of Contract	66,438	11,690
Total Traded Issues	268	181
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	205	125
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	61	56
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. P. Basis)	2	-
Market Cap. (Taka)	820,793,159,662	785,506,019,580
Market Cap. (US$)	11,982,381,893	11,467,241,162
Price Earning Ratio	18.83	18.60
Earning Per Share (%)	25.65	25.37

Company		Turnover (Vol.)	(M.Tk.)	(%) T	Big Lot Share
Beximco Pharma*-A	D	1,051,807	177.77	7.75	18,900
BEXIMCO Ltd.*-A	D	705,825	142.01	6.19	9,700
Summit Power*-A	D	118,085	108.25	4.72	1,000
Shinepukur Ceramics*-N	D	753,900	82.02	3.57	6,400
ACI Formulations Ltd*-N	D	312,700	65.55	2.86	23,800
Grameen1:Scheme2*-A	D	1,099,500	60.51	2.64	58,000
National Bank*-A	D	60,100	49.58	2.16	280
Fu-Wang Food-B	D	1,609,600	48.75	2.12	300,000
Pragati Gen. I*-A	D	38,505	48.72	2.12	1,950
AIMS First*-A	D	2,849,000	43.82	1.91	50,000
BEXIMCO Ltd.*-A	C	134,220	26.88	9.64	1,900
Shinepukur Ceramics*-N	C	201,700	21.93	7.87	5,000
Beximco Pharma*-A	C	121,243	20.41	7.32	2,000
AB Bank*-A	C	18,690	12.33	4.42	300
AIMS First*-A	C	527,500	8.11	2.91	12,500
Grameen1:Scheme2*-A	C	143,000	7.87	2.82	5,000
Summit Power*-A	C	8,280	7.57	2.72	400
ACI Formulations Ltd*-N	C	36,100	7.54	2.70	1,000
Jamuna Oil*-A	C	46,700	7.44	2.67	1,900
BSRM Steels Ltd*-N	C	15,600	6.66	2.39	200

Company		Price Chn. (%) Close	Avg.	Close Price	Turnover M.Tk
Sreepur Textile-Z	D ↑	18.89	11.89	26.75	0.373
Gachihhata Aqua.-Z	D ↑	18.42	17.74	33.75	2.072
Alpha Tobacco-Z	D ↑	18.18	13.90	18.20	0.133
BD Luggage-Z	D ↑	17.70	12.90	33.25	0.184
M. Hossain Gar.-Z	D ↑	17.44	15.69	25.25	0.320
BD. Zipper-Z	C ↑	20.00	20.00	30.00	0.003
Bengal Fine Cera-Z	C ↑	20.00	20.00	66.00	0.007
Standard Ceramic-B	C ↑	20.00	20.00	144.00	0.007
Gachihhata Aqua.-Z	C ↑	19.51	17.36	36.75	0.599
Perfume Chemical-Z	C ↑	19.39	19.39	58.50	0.015
Aziz Pipes-Z	D ↓	-4.69	-1.00	244.00	1.241
Jute Spinners-A	D ↓	-4.65	-4.65	615.00	0.012
5th ICB M F*-A	D ↓	-4.49	-4.49	962.50	0.010
IFIC Bank*-A	D ↓	-4.01	-3.07	867.00	7.506
Dutch Bangla B*-A	D ↓	-3.76	-2.21	3,405.00	25.406
GMG Indl. Corp.-Z	C ↓	-55.19	-55.19	36.30	0.00
Sreepur Textile-Z	C ↓	-23.86	-23.86	16.75	0.00
Dhaka Fisheries-Z	C ↓	-12.80	-12.8	63.00	0.01
Prime Insur*-A	C ↓	-12.20	-12.2	180.00	0.00
Midas Financing*-A	C ↓	-10.07	-10.07	337.00	0.02

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Company	Meeting Date	Venue, Time
Savar Refractories-Z	8-Jan	Hotel Sundarban 11am
Padma Oil Co.*-A	31-Jan	Main Installation, Ctg. 11am
Eastern Lubricants-A	7-Feb	Padma Bhaban, Ctg. 11am
DESCO Ltd*-A	10-Feb	Bashundhara CC, Baridhara 11am
Power Grid Co.*-A	5-Mar	11am
Samorita Hospital-A	19-Mar	10am
Anwar Galvanizing-Z	25-Mar	BCIC Audi. Dilkusha 10.30am

Company	R.Day.BC	Spot	Div	Meeting Date
Samorita Hospital-A	05-03	02-03	10%	AGM 19-03
Padma Oil Co.*-A	18-01	13-01	50%,100%B	AGM 31-01
Orion Infusions-Z	22-12	17-12	10%	AGM 28-12
Bata Shoe Ltd.*-A	23-12	18-12	115%(I)	
Social Invest. Bk	15-12	04-12	1R:1 sub.: 25-01 to 22-02	
National Polymar	15-12	04-12	2R:1 sub.: 04-01 to 20-01	
Eastern Bank	15-12	04-12	1R:2 sub.: 01-01 to 21-01	
Sonali Ansh-Z	24-12	15-12	10%	AGM 31-12
Bangla Process-B	26-12	21-12	6%	AGM 30-12
Maksons Spinning*-N	29-01	26-01	15%B	AGM 15-02
Sinobangla Industries-B	10-02	05-02	10%, 1R:1	A/EGM 24-02
Record day only applicable for bonus share, not right offer.				
H.R. Textile-B	20-02	16-02	8.50%	AGM 23-03

News from Trade Servers

HEIDELBCEM:
The company has informed that the Board of Directors has decided that the company shall set up another packing plant in Unit-IV at Kanchpur, Rupgonj, Naryangonj for ensuring smooth delivery of bagged cement at a cost of Tk 36.00 million from its own source. It will increase the production capacity utilization.

SINOBANGLA:
Trading of the shares of the company will also be allowed in spot market with cum benefit from 05.02.09 to 08.02.09, as book closure will start from 10.02.09.

Scrip status- LFL:
Please note that Legacy Footwear Ltd. has been placed to "B" category from existing "Z" category with effect from 4 February, 2009.

Change of the Name of FSBNK:
First Security Bank Ltd has informed that it has been renamed as " First Security Islami Bank Ltd " with effect from 31 December, 2008.

Demat news- EASTI & GQBAL:
As per SEC decision, trading of the shares of Eastern Insurance Co. Ltd & GQ Ball Pen Inds Ltd. will be held in demat form with effect from 26 February, 2009. In this respect, Only Spot will be allowed on 22 February, 2009 and trading of the shares of the cos. will remain suspended during 23 to 25 February, 2009 for demat process.

Non Traded Issues

Company	FV/ML (Tk/No)	Closing Price	Last Trade Date
BANK			
UCBL*-A	100/5	3190.00	06/08/08
INVESTMENT			
4th ICB M F*-A	100/10	1014.25	03/02/09
ENGINEERING			
Metalex Corporation-Z	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BEMCO Ltd-Z	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FOOD & ALLIED			
BLTC-Z	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
E.L. Camellia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yousuf Flour	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BD Plantation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hill Plantation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raspit Food	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
German Bangla Fd-Z	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TEXTILE			
Stylecraft	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Modern Dyeing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arbee Textile	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chic Tex	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PHARMA & CHEM			
JMI-Bangla	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Petro Synthetic	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pharmaco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pharma Aids	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kohinoor Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wata Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Libra Infusions	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PAPER and PACKAGING			
Sonali Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Azadi Printers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SERVICE			
BD.Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BD.Service	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MISCELLANEOUS			
Khaza Mosaic Tiles	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phoenix Leather	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
The Engineers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Himadri Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raspit Data Mgt-Z	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TRADED ISSUES February 04, 2009

Company CDBL mark Category Mark Face Value/Market Lot | EPS | BV | Latest Dividend :- YearEnd
DSE/CSE: Closing ⇓⇑ Change % LastDay | Average | High / Low # Trade Volume (Share)

BANK
AB Bank * - A 100/5 | 85.37 | 269.00 | 200%B :-1207
D: 654.8 ⇓ 3.18% 676.3 | 665.59 | 683.8 / 652.0 # 64013
C: 653.3 ⇓ 2.90% 672.8 | 659.82 | 678.0 / 648.0 # 18690
City Bank * - A 100/5 | 25.14 | 210.39 | 10%B :-1206
D: 414.0 ⇓ 0.48% 416.0 | 413.84 | 415.5 / 410.0 # 17827
C: 415.0 ⇑ 0.97% 411.0 | 414.96 | 416.8 / 362.0 # 6480
IFIC Bank* - A 100/5 | 71.93 | 244.85 | 1B:1 :-1207
D: 867.0 ⇓ 4.01% 903.3 | 878.20 | 910.0 / 864.0 # 8547
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Islamic Finance*-A 100/50 | 18.65 | 131.21 | 15% :-1207
D: 319.0 ⇓ 1.09% 322.5 | 320.93 | 326.0 / 318.3 # 14672
C: 320.0 ⇓ 1.39% 324.5 | 320.07 | 320.3 / 315.0 # 552
LankaBangla Fin.*-A 10/500 | 2.97 | 11.23 | 15% 10%B :-1207
D: 193.4 ⇑ 0.62% 192.2 | 194.11 | 196.4 / 192.7 # 78100
C: 193.0 ⇓ 0.10% 193.2 | 193.94 | 195.5 / 192.0 # 4000
B I F C* -A 100/50 | 23.95 | 137.42 | 10% 10%B :-1207
D: 309.8 ⇑ 0.00% 309.8 | 312.04 | 315.0 / 308.0 # 3900
C: 320.0 ⇑ 2.98% 310.8 | 320.00 | 320.0 / 320.0 # 10
[illegible]

DESCO Ltd * -A 100/50 | 78.73 | 334.95 | 25% 5%B :-608
D: 861.3 ⇓ 0.52% 865.8 | 863.61 | 875.0 / 860.0 # 8300
Power Grid Co. * -A 100/50 | 46.46 | 351.55 | 27% :-608
D: 526.3 ⇓ 0.57% 529.3 | 531.54 | 537.3 / 525.0 # 12900
C: 526.0 ⇓ 1.41% 533.5 | 530.38 | 538.0 / 525.5 # 1050
Jamuna Oil* -A 10/100 | 6.73 | 21.55 | 15% :-607
D: 157.7 ⇓ 1.31% 159.8 | 159.65 | 163.5 / 157.0 # 273700
C: 157.7 ⇓ 1.31% 159.8 | 159.39 | 163.0 / 157.0 # 46700
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Maksons Spinning*-N 10/500 | 0.23 | 11.96 |
D: 42.20 ⇓ 1.86% 43.00 | 42.70 | 44.00 / 41.80 # 375500
C: 42.30 ⇓ 1.63% 43.00 | 42.84 | 43.90 / 42.10 # 89500
Beximco Syn.*-A 100/20 | -8.11 | 194.10 | 10%B :-1207
D: 244.5 ⇑ 2.19% 239.3 | 246.59 | 252.8 / 242.0 # 98335
C: 243.3 ⇑ 1.99% 238.5 | 245.90 | 251.0 / 230.0 # 11450
GMG Indl. Corp. -Z 10/50 | 4.30 | 96.59 | No Div. :-608
C: 36.30 ⇓ 55.19% 81.00 | 36.30 | 36.30 / 36.30 # 50
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CERAMIC
Monno Ceramic -A 100/5 | 4.12 | 224.95 | 10% :-608
D: 299.3 ⇑ 6.88% 280.0 | 301.22 | 319.0 / 289.0 # 3535
Bengal Fine Cera -Z 100/50 | -19.53 | 84.20 | :-606
D: 67.75 ⇑ 4.23% 65.00 | 67.96 | 68.00 / 67.75 # 300
C: 66.00 ⇑ 20.00% 55.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 / 66.00 # 100
Standard Ceramic -A 100/50 | -11.87 | 175.59 | 5% :-608
D: 146.5 ⇓ 0.34% 147.0 | 146.73 | 150.0 / 144.0 # 550
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