

Asia shares fall amid turmoil

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Asia shares tumbled Tuesday as the resignation of Japan's finance minister bolstered concerns over Tokyo's handling of the economic crisis and Singapore exports took a record plunge.

TOKYO: Down 1.35 percent. The benchmark Nikkei-225 index lost 104.66 points to 7,645.51, the lowest finish since late October.

Concerns over the crippled US auto industry weighed on the market, said Hideaki Higashi, strategist at SMBC Friend Securities.

HONG KONG: Down 3.8 percent. The benchmark Hang Seng index ended 510.48 points lower at 12,945.40.

Investors were concerned over possible worse-than-expected financial results, after Bank of East Asia

announced its 2008 net profit fell 99.1 percent to 39 million dollars.

SHANGHAI: Down 2.93 percent. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, fell 69.95 points to 2,319.44.

Steel companies led the decline after they saw large gains Monday. Baoshan Iron and Steel ended down 5.3 percent at 6.08 yuan and Wuhan Iron and Steel dropped 6.0 percent to 6.89 yuan.

Airline shares also fell as investors banked profits.

Air China shed 6.0 percent to 5.36 yuan and China Eastern Airlines dropped 7.1 percent to 5.38 yuan.

SEOUL: Down 4.1 percent. The KOSPI index ended down 48.28 points at 1,127.19.

Financial stocks were hit hard by worries over the health of European banks, as well as concerns over foreign-

currency liquidity in the local banking sector amid the continued sharp fall of the won.

SINGAPORE: Down 2.55 percent. The blue-chip Straits Times index closed 42.78 points lower at 1,637.92.

DBS bank fell 17 cents to 8.03, United Overseas Bank dropped 16 cents to 10.92 and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp shed six cents to 4.90 ahead of the release of its fourth-quarter earnings on Wednesday.

KUALA LUMPUR: Down 1.0 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index lost 8.66 points to close at 898.53.

The slump came as investors sold plantation stocks along with Tenaga and Maybank shares.

MUMBAI: Down 2.91 percent. The benchmark 30-share Sensex index fell 270.45 points to 9,035, its second straight day of losses.



Shahajan Bhuiyan, managing director of United Commercial Bank, poses with a Chinese delegation at a dinner hosted by the bank in Dhaka yesterday. The delegation discussed new business relations with the bank officials.



Wadudul Bari Chowdhury, secretary of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), and Laszlo Barta, chief marketing officer of Grameenphone, sign an agreement in Chittagong recently. Under the deal, the CDA becomes a client of the mobile operator's Business Solutions package.



Nazim Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Dhaka Ice Cream Industries Ltd, and Wazir Sattar, managing director of Litmus Communications Ltd, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, Litmus will provide marketing communications for the Polar Ice Cream brand.

STOCK

Market Highlights February 17, 2009

DSE All Share Index : 2141.74128 (+) 0.43%
DSE General Index : 2574.47258 (+) 0.42%
DSE -20 Index : 2105.97142 (+) 0.93%
CSE All Share Index : 1888.16420 (+) 0.13%
CSE -30 Index : 6495.27360 (+) 0.11%
CSE Selected Index : 5089.82640 (+) 0.12%

Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	3,223,104,171.85	395,077,500.50
Total Turnover (Volume)	24,904,660	4,845,660
Number of Contract	92,394	14,558
Total Traded Issues	262	166
No. of Issue Gains (Avg. Price Basis)	202	123
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	59	43
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. P. Basis)	1	1
Market Cap. (Taka)	811,512,067,857	774,731,165,096
Market Cap. (US\$)	11,846,891,633	11,309,944,016
Price Earning Ratio	18.45	18.23
Earning Per Share (%)	25.67	25.37

Source: CSE, Dhaka Stock Exchange, Market Data, Dhaka, Feb 17, 2009

DSE/CSE Closing Mkt Change % Last Day Average High/Low Trade Volume (Share)

BANK

Bank	Change %	High	Low	Trade Volume (Share)
AB Bank	-1.00%	185.71	185.00	1,200,000
BK Bank	-0.22%	647.8	645.00	6,000
C Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
D Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
E Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
F Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
G Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
H Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
I Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
J Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
K Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
L Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
M Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
N Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
O Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
P Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
Q Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
R Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
S Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
T Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
U Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
V Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
W Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
X Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
Y Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000
Z Bank	-0.09%	641.3	640.00	6,000

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