

Asian markets mixed

AFP, Hong Kong Asian markets were mixed Wednesday as investors made a move to take profits as confidence slowly edges back onto trading floors. Hong Kong led the falls in the major indexes, losing more than two percent, with Shanghai dropping a similar amount, while Tokyo edged down. However, Sydney rose almost one percent, Taipei and Mumbai added two percent and Seoul 0.6 percent as dealers continued to see a brighter future for the world economy following a Washington plan this week to buy up banks' toxic assets. Regional markets saw massive rises in the first days of the week due to the plan. The fall in Tokyo was slight despite government figures showing Japan's exports were battered again last month as demand for its key goods dries up. There was also optimism following a move by the International Monetary Fund to extend lending and make changes to its practices in a bid to kickstart the world economy. TOKYO: Down 0.10 percent. The Nikkei-225 index fell 8.31 points to 8,479.99. Investors took profits following the recent rally to a 10-week high, dealers said. Many investors locked in gains after the market soared about 20 percent from a 26-year low seen earlier this month, lifted by hopes that the US economy will start to recover later this year. Sony, which had risen 22 percent over the previous seven sessions, slid 2.4 percent to 2,075 yen. Clarion, which makes audio and navigation equipment for cars, jumped 26 percent to 58 yen on speculation that it may form a tie-up with troubled rival Pioneer, dealers said. HONG KONG: Down 2.07 percent. The Hang Seng Index fell 288.23 points to 13,622.11. The market was led down by profit-taking in heavyweight HSBC after two days of strong gains, dealers said. HSBC fell 4.7 percent to 43.65 dollars after rising 10.5 percent over the past two days. SEOUL: Up 0.6 percent. The KOSPI ended up 7.32 points at 1,229.02. The market is now at its highest level in more than five months amid hopes the global financial system will stabilize further. MUMBAI: Up 0.28 percent. The 30-share Sensex index rose 196.86 points to 9,667.9, its third straight day of gains.



Alamgir M Rahman (2-R), president of France-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, speaks at the chamber's 12th annual general meeting in Dhaka on Tuesday.



Kamran T Rahman, president of Bangladesh Employers Federation, inaugurates the UCEP-Plan Project JOB FAIR 2009, at UCEP's head office at Mirpur in Dhaka recently.



Ishtiaque Ahmed Chowdhury, deputy managing director of Trust Bank Ltd, and AHM Nurul Huda, company secretary of Dhaka Electric Supply Company (Desco), exchange documents after signing a "bill collection" agreement in the capital on Tuesday. Under the deal, Desco subscribers will be able to pay their bills to the bank.

Correction

In a February 23 caption, it was inadvertently mentioned that Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil, chairman of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), presided over the 43rd and 44th annual general meetings of Sanofi-aventis Bangladesh Ltd. The correct name is Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman. We regret the mistake.

Currency

Following is Wednesday's (March 25, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish kroner, Kuwaiti dirham.

Market Highlights

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE 20 Index, CSE Selected Index, Indicators, Total Turnover, Number of Contract, Total Traded Issues, No. of Issue Gain, No. of Issue Loss, Market Cap, Market Cap (US\$), Price Earning Ratio, Earning Per Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover, M.Tk.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table with columns: Company, Meeting Date, Venue, Time.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Star from 29-03-09: PREMIERBAN, SINGERBD, ICBIBANK, Trade Suspended On 29-03-09: CENTRALIS. Dividend Declaration: BOWELDING 5% cash, BATASHOE 105% (I) cash, UNIONCAP 20% Stock. EASTLAND: As per audited accounts as on 31.12.08, the Company has reported net profit after tax of Tk 69.85 m with EPS of Tk 42.76 as against Tk 78.36 m & Tk 47.97 (restated) respectively as on 31.12.07. Sponsor Buy/Sell: ALARABANK Mr. Md. Enayetur Raheem will sell 50,000 shares. BDFINANCE: As per clause 30 of DSE Listing Regulations the Company has informed that the 13th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 30.03.09 at 12.30 p.m. to transact the following businesses: 1. Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2008 along with Auditors' Report thereon. 2. Fixation of Venue, Date, Time, Record date and agenda for 10th AGM. 3. Recommendation of Dividend and 4. Others. COMPANY NEWS: Trading of the shares of Bionic Seafood Exports Ltd., Mona Food Industry Ltd., Rahima Food Corp Ltd., Amam Sea Food Industries Ltd., Quasem Silk Mills Ltd., M. Hossain Garments Washing & Dyeing Ltd., Saleh Carpet Mills Ltd., Dynamic Textile Industries Ltd., Bangladesh Electricity Meter Company Ltd., Perfume Chemical Industries Ltd. and Bangladesh Luggage Industries Ltd. will remain halted for market enquiry by the DSE Management.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table with columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, Call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Vessels not ready

Table with columns: Di Rose, Bl Glory, Bin, Name of vessels, Cargo, Call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Vessels awaiting employment/instruction

Table with columns: Banglar Moni, Santa Suria-I, Banglar Robi, Volososs Power, Santa Suria, Bangla Lanka, Name of vessels, Repair, Ballast, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Vessels not entering

Table with columns: Mary Falcon, Jebbel-e-rahmat, Shou Glang Hai, Ferri, Samsun Pioneer, Ataraxia, Dana Shakti, Name of vessels, Tsp/bagun, G/bayun, C/Click, Wheat(p), C/Click, G/Click, Viza, Sing, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Positions of Chittagong Port vessels in line with a berthing sheet of CPA provided by ITC

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Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk.), (%), Big Lot Share.

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TRADED ISSUES March 25, 2009

Large table listing traded issues with columns: Company, Change, Last Day, High/Low, Trade Volume (Share).

Non Traded Issues

Table listing non-traded issues with columns: Company, P/M/L, (Tk./No.), Closing Price, Last Trade Date.

Source: Capital Gainers/Losers are prepared on the basis of the close price of the traded issues. EPS-Earning per Share, BV-Book Value per Share. % indicates DDBL, Debt. Category in mentioned below company name after DDBL mark. All EPS & BV are disseminated in applicable cases. Year and month mentioned below the declared dividend figure which may not reflect the year and month of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. Earning per Share (EPS) was calculated by the companies under the insurance industry. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.