

Asian currencies mainly up

AFP, Hong Kong
Asian currencies ended the week mainly up against the dollar but the yen lost ground, with analysts awaiting the results of the Bank of Japan's quarterly "tankan" survey this week for guidance.

Zealand dollar finished Friday at 57.57 US cents, up from 55.79 cents the previous week.
The kiwi climbed to its highest level against the greenback in more than 10 weeks at 58.01 US cents late Thursday as government debt yields surged in a sign of declining expectations that interest rates will fall much further.

SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar was at 1.5078 Singapore dollars Friday from 1.5121 the previous week.
SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won strengthened to 1,349.0 to the dollar Friday, compared with 1,412.50 won a week earlier.
Dealers said the greenback's upside should be capped by improving sentiment in global financial markets, continued foreign buying in the local stock market and expectations for a large trade surplus in March.

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR: The Australian dollar was expected to hold around the US 69-cent mark in the coming week, with growing investor confidence boosting risk appetite, dealers said.
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR: The New Zealand dollar finished Friday at 57.57 US cents, up from 55.79 cents the previous week.

HONG KONG: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit was at 7.751 from 7.752 a week earlier.
INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 11,505 to the dollar, up from 11,780 a week earlier.
PHILIPPINE PESO: The peso traded

lower at 48.19 to the dollar, from 48.310 a week earlier.
TAIWAN DOLLAR: The Taiwan dollar closed at 33.779 against the US dollar, up from 33.800 a week earlier.
THAI BAHT: The baht was hardly changed against the dollar over the past week amid quiet trade, dealers said.

3 officials named for US Treasury

AFP, Washington
US President Barack Obama on Saturday nominated three prominent experts in international finance and legal issues for top positions at the Department of Treasury.
According to a statement released by the White House, Helen Elizabeth Garrett was named assistant secretary for tax policy, Michael Barr was nominated for the job of assistant secretary for financial institutions, and George Madison was appointed general counsel.

Currency

Following is Sunday's (March 29, 2009) forex rate statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, Per USD, BDT per Currency.

Shipping

Chittagong Port. Table with columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import/Export.



Speakers are seen at a workshop on emotional intelligence for professional women, sponsored by BRAC Bank in Dhaka recently.



Md Abdur Rahman Sarker, managing director of National Bank Ltd, inaugurates a renovated branch of the bank in Sylhet recently.

Market Highlights

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Source: Capital Gainers / Losers tables are prepared on the basis of the close price of the traded issues. EPS - Earnings per Share, BV - Book Value per Share, % indicates Dividend Yield. Company mentioned below are based on the data provided by the companies. All EPS & BV are dividend adjusted (if applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to 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 formula which is approximate just to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not be compare with other industry's figures.