

Asian stocks rise or bargains

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Asia's markets were higher Thursday as investors moved in to snap up bargains after big losses earlier in the week...

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The market was buoyed by gains in resources stocks amid hopes for a rapid recovery in China, dealers said.

Singapore Airlines advanced 22 cents to 10.82 while Singapore Telecommunications remained at 2.47.
KUALA LUMPUR: Up 1.0 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index gained 10.06 points to close at 978.64.

TOKYO: Up 1.37 percent. The Nikkei-225 index rose 119.71 points, or 1.37 percent, to 8,847.01.
Toyota Motor climbed 3.5 percent to 3,890 yen and Honda Motor gained 1.7 percent to 2,760 yen.

HONG KONG: Up 2.26 percent. The Hang Seng Index ended up 336.01 points at 15,214.46.
The index has risen 12 percent since the beginning of the month and is up 34 percent since March 9, when the index hit its lowest point of the year of 11,344.

Oil prices lower
Oil prices fell in Asian trade Thursday after US crude reserves rose higher than expected, indicating demand remained weak in the recession-hit US economy, dealers said.



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New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for June delivery, fell 32 cents to 48.53 dollars a barrel.
Brent North Sea crude for delivery in June eased 30 cents to 49.51 dollars.



Shamsuddin Ahmed, managing director of Uttara Bank Ltd, speaks at the bank's second board conference 2009 in Dhaka yesterday.

Currency
Following is Thursday's (April 23, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies.

Money Market
Money market was active on Thursday. USDBD/BDT rate was similar to the previous working day. The market was liquid.

International Market
The euro edged up against the dollar and the yen on Thursday after surveys showed the euro zone's manufacturing and services sector had their best performance in six months. Along with currencies viewed as higher risk such as sterling and the Australian dollar, the euro recovered from sharp falls the previous day which took it to its lowest in over a month against the dollar.

Shipping
Chittagong Port
Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 23/4/2009. Table with columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L Port call, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import Disch.

Market Highlights
April 23, 2009
DSE All Share Index: 2150.6951 (-) 0.68%
DSE General Index: 2596.66275 (-) 0.57%

Turnover Leaders
Company, Turnover (Vol.), Turnover (M Tk.), Big Lot Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers
Company, Price, Change, %.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO
Company, R Day, BC, Spot, Div, Meeting Date.

News from Trade Servers
Spot Trade Start from 26-04-09. AL-HAJTEX Normal Trade Start from 26-04-09. BATASHOE Trade Suspended on 26-04-09.

BANK
AB Bank, Dhan Bank, Prime Bank, etc.

INVESTMENT
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

FOOD & ALIED
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

TEXTILE
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

IT INDUSTRIES
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

NON BANKING FI
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

ENERGYPARTS
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

FUEL & POWER
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

GENERAL INSURANCE
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

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