

Asian markets soar

AFP, Hong Kong Asian markets soared on Monday as investors ignored the global swine flu epidemic and instead focused on signs that the US and Chinese economies may be heading toward recovery. HONG KONG: Up 5.54 percent. The Hang Seng Index closed up 860.06 points at 16,381.05. SYDNEY: Up 3.0 percent. The S&P/ASX 200 gained 113.4 points to close at 3,883.0. SHANGHAI: Up 3.32 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, was up 82.34 points to 2,559.91. Steelmakers led gainers following news that China will step up consolidation in the industrial sector. Baoshan Iron and Steel, the country's largest steelmaker by assets, rose 4.5 percent to 6.04. Handan Iron and Steel gained 5.3 percent to 4.40 yuan. Chaozhou rose 4.1 percent to 10.77 yuan. PetroChina gained 3.2 percent to 11.94 yuan. TAIPEI: Up 5.64 percent. The weighted index climbed 337.83 points to close at 6,330.4. SEOUL: Up 2.1 percent. The KOSPI gained 28.56 points to close at 1,397.92, the highest close since October 2. Uncertainty over the delayed announcement of results of US 'stress tests' for major banks was offset by positive US economic data, said Kim Seung-Han, an analyst at HI Investment and Securities. SINGAPORE: Up 5.65 percent. The blue-chip Straits Times Index gained 108.43 points to close at 2,028.71, reaching its highest level since October 15. KUALA LUMPUR: Up 1.88 percent.

Oil prices up in Asian trade

AFP, Singapore Oil prices were higher in Asian trade on Monday as hopes that the worst is over for the global economy got the better of worries about the swine flu outbreak, analysts said. New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in June, was up 28 cents to 53.48 dollars a barrel in the afternoon. Brent North Sea crude for June delivery gained 35 cents to 53.20 dollars. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index gained 18.62 points to 1,009.36, a high for 2009. JAKARTA: Up 3.39 percent. The Jakarta Composite Index gained 58.57 points to 1788.15. BANGKOK: Up 2.96 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand composite index gained 14.57 points to close at 506.26. MANILA: Up 1.6 percent. The composite index gained 34.12 points to close at 2,137.62. Stocks gained on investor interest in blue-chips, dealers said. Ayala Corp. added 5.4 percent to 233 pesos and geothermal producer Energy Development Corp. rose 4.2 percent to 3.75. MUMBAI: Up 6.41 percent. The 30-share Sensex rose 731.5 points to 12,134.75, a near seven-month peak.

Shipping

Shipping Chittagong Port Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 04/05/2009. Table with columns: Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port call agent, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving Import, Disch.



Abu Ahmed, professor of economics at Dhaka University, speaks at a discussion on capital market with a special reference to Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, organised by the bank in Dhaka on Saturday.

Currency

Following is Monday's (May 4, 2009) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rate of some currencies, PerUSD, BDT per Currency.

STOCK

Market Highlights May 04, 2009. Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 30 Index, CSE Selected Index, Indicators, DSE, CSE.

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News from Trade Servers

Normal Trade Start from 05-05-09. CENTRALINS, BDAMS, EASTLAND, BATBC. Trade Suspended On 05-05-09: BIFC. Sponsor Buy/Sell: PREMIERLEA Mr. Rabiul Huq to sell 24,700 shares (Bonus shares) STANDBANKL. Mr. Md. Muzurul Alam to sell 50,000 shares. As per audited accounts: PLFSL NPAAT Tk. 185.74 m. EPS = Tk. 35.53. BATASHOE NPAAT Tk. 449.42 m. EPS = Tk. 32.85. Dividend Declaration: BDHOTELS 35% Cash on ordinary shares and 8% on the preference shares. GREENDEL: The company has informed that the Board of Directors of the company has approved commitment of Taka 5.00 crore as one of the sponsors of LR Global Bangladesh Mutual Fund One (LRGBMF1), subject to the approval of SEC. DBH: The company has informed that the Board of Directors of the company has decided to be the sponsor of a Mutual Fund in the name and style 'DBH First Mutual Fund' to the tune of Tk. 100.00 crore and will subscribe 20% of the Fund and the rest will be raised through pre-ipo placement and ipo subject to approval of the SEC. The board has also decided that the appointment of Trustee, Fund Manager as well as Custodian in this regard will be given later on according to the Securities & Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Rules, 2001.

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Source: Capital Market. Note: Figures are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the market. Figures are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the market. Figures are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the market.