

Asian markets broadly up

AFP, Hong Kong
Asian markets were broadly higher Wednesday on continued hopes for the global economy although many dealers waited on the sidelines prior to the announcement of a 'stress test' results for US banks.
HONG KONG: Up 2.46 percent. The Hang Seng Index closed up 404.49 points at 16,834.57.
The rise in banks was due to a more favourable industry outlook, after BNP Paribas' first quarter results beat analysts' expectations, said Core Pacific-Yamaichi analyst Lee Yuk Kei.
SYDNEY: Down 0.59 percent. The S&P/ASX 200 dropped 23.3 points to 3,867.1.
'The Australian market opened higher but soon sold off, closing weaker in line with overnight US leads,' said IG Markets analyst Ben Potter.
SHANGHAI: Up 0.98 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, rose 25.18 points to 2,592.52.
The key index has risen eight percent in the past five trading days.
TAIPEI: Up 2.93 percent. The weighted index surged 186.76 points to 6,566.7.
The market moved higher for the fifth straight day on continued optimism about closer economic ties with China, dealers said.
SEOUL: Down 0.32 percent. The KOSPI ended down 4.47 points at 1,393.45.
Technology stocks retreated as investors took the strengthening of the local currency against the dollar as an excuse to book profits, amid rising concerns about a potential weakness in their export competitiveness.
SINGAPORE: Up 5.05 percent. The blue chip Straits Times Index jumped 104.68 points to 2,179.03.
OCBC, which also reported better-than-expected March quarter earnings, climbed 30 cents to 6.80.
KUALA LUMPUR: Up 1.5 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index rose 15.09 points to 1,023.96.
JAKARTA: Up 1.48 percent. The Jakarta Composite Index gained 26.26 points to 1,798.33.
BANGKOK: Up 3.3 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) composite index rose 16.88 points to close at a seven-month high of 523.14.
MANILA: Up 0.4 percent. The composite index added 9.03 points to close at 2,206.23.
Contact Energy fell five cents to 6.05 and share market operator NZX rose 14 cents to 7.65.
MUMBAI: Down 1.47 percent. The 30-share Sensex fell 178.33 points to 11,952.75.



Md Musfirur Rahman, senior assistant vice-president of Bay Leasing and Investment Ltd (BLIL), and Shaikh Mohammadullah, general manager (admin) of Dhaka Stock Exchange sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, BLIL will start its trading of securities through the prime bourse.

Currency

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies against the US Dollar and other major currencies. Includes columns for currency, rate, and BDT per US dollar.

Oil prices lower in Asian trade

Oil prices were lower in Asian trade Wednesday ahead of a report expected to show rising oil inventories in the United States, the world's biggest energy consumer.
Dealers said the market was also affected by worries about the health of the biggest US banks, with the results of government-ordered 'stress tests' due on Thursday.



Geetara Safiya Choudhury, managing director of Adcomm Ltd, poses with the participants of 'team building', a three day workshop organised by the company in Sylhet recently.

STOCK

Market Highlights table for May 06, 2009. Includes DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE -20 Index, etc.

Turnover Leaders table listing companies and their turnover values.

Capital Gainers/Losers table listing companies and their price changes.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table listing companies with their dividend dates and amounts.

Shipping

Chittagong port

Table showing berthing positions and performance of vessels at Chittagong port.

Vessels not ready

Table listing vessels that are not ready for service.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table listing vessels awaiting employment or instruction.

Vessels not entering

Table listing vessels that are not entering the port.

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Positions of Chittagong Port Vessels in line with a Berthing Sheet of CPA provided by ITC

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Source: Capital Gainers/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV=Book Value per Share, \*\* indicates CDBL Listed Category is mentioned between company name and CDBL mark. All EPS & BV are all-inclusive (if applicable ones). Year end mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV should 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 category. These figures could not be compared with other industry's figures.