

Asian markets continue advance

Asia's stocks rallied again Thursday, with Japan leading the charge, as dealers were confident the "stress tests" of US banks would show just a few are in need of new capital to survive.

JAPAN: Up 4.55 percent. The Nikkei rose 408.33 points to 9,385.70, the best finish since November 5.

HONG KONG: Up 2.28 percent. The Hang Seng Index closed up 383.32 points at 17,217.89, after getting as high as 17,327.52 during the session.

SYDNEY: Up 1.85 percent. The S&P/ASX 200 added 71.6 points to 3,938.7.

Dealers were boosted by a surprise increase in jobs as well as positive leads came from offshore.

SHANGHAI: Up 0.19 percent. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, was up 4.93 points to 2,597.45, its highest since the beginning of August.

The market rose early on news that Beijing said it planned to spend billions of dollars to upgrade technology in various industrial sectors, dealers said, but it was cutback later in profit-taking.

TAIPEI Flat. The weighted index rose 6.17 points, or 0.09 percent to 6,572.87.

BARGAIN-HUNTING: In the last hour offset profit-taking earlier in the session, dealers said.

SEOUL: Up 0.55 percent. The KOSPI ended up 7.63 points at 1,401.08.

Investors were upbeat about the results of the US government's stress test on banks which are due out later Thursday, dealers said.

SINGAPORE: Up 2.87 percent. The blue-chip Straits Times Index (STI) rose 62.57 points to 2,241.60.

"Investors are increasingly accepting that the economy is past the worst... they are thinking there could still be a bit more upside for the STI," said a strategist at a local brokerage.

DBS gained 26 cents to 12.00 and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp rose 23 cents to 7.03. City Developments soared 85 cents to 8.35 and Singapore Airlines climbed 88 cents to 13.22.

KUALA LUMPUR: Flat. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index edged down 0.49 points to close at 1,023.47.

JAKARTA: Up 1.70 percent. The Jakarta Composite Index gained 30.52 points to 1,828.85.

BANGKOK: Up 0.87 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand index gained 4.57 points to close at 527.72.

MANILA: Up 1.48 percent. The composite index added 32.69 points to 2,238.92.

WELLINGTON: Up 0.83 percent. The NZX-50 index rose 23.51 points to 2,854.87.

MUMBAI: Up 1.37 percent. The 30-share Sensex rose 164.19 points to 12,116.94.



Debashish Neogi, managing director of Marico Bangladesh Ltd, poses with participants in the company's annual shareholders' meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal recently.

STOCK

Market Highlights May 07, 2009. DSE All Share Index: 2078.44807 (-) 0.03%. DSE General Index: 2493.58802 (-) 0.24%.

Turnover Leaders. Company: Summit Power-A. Turnover: 448,933. Price Change: 14.17. Share: 14,170,000.

Capital Gainers/Losers. Company: Beach Hatchery-Z. Price Change: 31.30. Close: 51,794.00. Turnover: 19,822,127.00.



Jorge Carbajal, president of Bata Emerging Markets (Asia and Africa), and F Garcia, managing director of Bata Emerging Markets (West), unveil the latest collection of shoe brand 'Hush Puppies' in Dhaka yesterday.

Currency

Exchange rate of some currencies. US dollar: 69.50. Euro: 94.11. Pound: 107.20. Australian dollar: 53.72.

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New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in June, rallied to 58.05 dollars a barrel -- the highest level since November 13.

Shipping

Charttagong Port. Berthing position and performance of vessels as of 7/5/2009. Birth Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import, Disch.

News from Trade Servers

Normal Trade Start from 10-05-09: ALARABANK, BANSIKA, METROSPIN. NAV of MF: On the close of operation on April 30, 2009: 1STBTRS: NAV= Tk. 632.14 (CMP) and Tk. 138.05 (CP), FV= Tk. 100.00.

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Source: Capital Market. Lower values are prepared on the basis of the close price report of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value per Share. \* indicates CDBL Listed. Category is mentioned beside company name after CDBL. All EPS & BV are calculated based on (applicable) close. Year-end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the amount of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after the final audited annual report of that financial year. Share of Dividend was calculated by special formula which is appropriate just to compare those figures among the companies under trade insurance industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.