

Asian markets higher

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian markets moved higher Wednesday as investors welcomed positive consumer and housing data out of the United States that pointed to a brighter future for the world's biggest economy.

TOKYO: Up 1.36 percent. The Nikkei-225 gained 142.35 points to 10,639.71.

HONG KONG: Up 0.10 percent. The Hang Seng Index finished 21.08 points better off at 20,456.32.

SYDNEY: Up 1.11 percent. The S&P/ASX 200 rose 48.7 points to 4,454.5.

"Today we are continuing to follow the positive lead from the US," said Macquarie Private Wealth adviser Helen Spencer.

SHANGHAI: Up 1.78 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers A and B shares, was up 51.79 points at 2,967.60.

SEOUL: Up 0.8 percent. The KOSPI ended up 12.74 points at 1,614.12.

The index was boosted by rebounding China stocks as well as the US housing and consumer confidence data, but a lack of fresh momentum led to cautious trading.

TAIPEI: Down 1.32 percent. The weighted index fell 90.21 points to 6,719.21.

SINGAPORE: Up 0.37 percent. The Straits Times Index added 9.67 points to 2,628.43.

Government data released earlier Wednesday showed factory output for July rose 12.4 percent against expectations, raising hopes the local economy

was recovering from the global slump.

BANGKOK: Up 0.43 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) composite index rose 2.82 points to 658.28.

KUALA LUMPUR: Up 0.13 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index gained 1.47 points to 1,172.56.

MANILA: Up 0.19 percent. The composite index added 5.38 points to 2,863.53.

Property firm Megaworld was up 2.67 percent to 1.54 pesos and Filinvest Land added 4.08 percent to 1.02 pesos.

WELLINGTON: Up 0.34 percent. The NZX-50 rose 10.39 points to 3,090.90.

MUMBAI: Up 0.52 percent. The 30-share Sensex index rose 81.38 points to 15,769.85.



Pubali Bank Chairman Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder MP inaugurates a data centre at its head office in Dhaka recently. Directors and managing director of the bank were also present.

Wednesday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank				
Major currency exchange rates		Exchange rate of some currencies		
	BC Sell	TT Buy	Per USD	BDT per Currency
US dollar	69.42	68.42		
Euro	101.16	95.96	Indian rupee	48.48 1.42
Pound	115.17	109.94	Pak rupee	82.75 0.83
Australian dollar	59.40	55.64	Lankan rupee	114.23 0.60
Japanese yen	0.80	0.71	Thai baht	34.03 2.03
Swiss franc	67.20	62.39	Malaysian ringgit	3.53 19.54
Swedish Kroner	10.43	9.19		
Canadian dollar	65.09	62.30	USD forward rate against BDT	
Hong Kong dollar	8.98	8.81		
Singapore dollar	49.29	47.29	Buy	Sell
UAE dirham	19.05	18.48	1M	68.43 69.60
Saudi riyal	18.66	18.10	2M	68.44 70.01
Danish kroner	13.73	12.55	3M	68.46 70.26
Kuwaiti dinar	238.07	234.52	6M	68.54 70.97

Local Market FX
Local inter-bank FX market was active on Wednesday. There was ample liquidity in the market and the USD/BDT rate was similar to the previous working day.

Money Market
Money market was active on Wednesday. The market was very liquid, and the majority of the deals traded in the 20-25 percent.

International Market
The euro hit 2-1/2 month highs again starting on Wednesday after an improvement in German business morale reinforced signs that Europe's largest economy was recovering from recession. The Munich-based Ifo think tank's business climate index rose to 90.5 from an unwary reading 87.4 in July.



Imam Anwar Hossain, chairman of Prime Bank's executive committee, hands a certificate to Shafayet Hossain, placed third in 39th Foundation Training Course for management trainees, in Dhaka recently. M Ehsanul Haque, managing director of the bank, was also present.

Oil prices edge up

AFP, London

Oil prices rose Wednesday after volatile trade the previous day saw the market hit a 10-month high at 75 dollars on strong US consumer confidence data before plunging on profit-taking.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for October delivery, rose 38 cents to 72.43 dollars a barrel. The contract hit 75.00 dollars exactly on Tuesday, the highest level since October 20.

STOCK

Market Highlights August 26, 2009

DSE All Share Index	: 2521.82648 (-) 0.12%
DSE General Index	: 3001.60264 (-) 0.11%
DSE - 20 Index	: 2122.31835 (-) 0.65%
CSE All Share Index	: 10450.30227 (-) 0.19%
CSE - 30 Index	: 7832.5422 (-) 0.46%
CSE Selected Index	: 6684.0155 (-) 0.02%

Indicators	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Volume)	6,160,331,910.15	786,498,319.70
Total Turnover (Taka)	32,991,622	5,500,056
Number of Contract	110,771	15,215
Total Traded Issues	233	17
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	115	67
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	117	105
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. Price Basis)	1	1
Market Cap. (Taka)	982,967,540,460	883,301,834,596
Market Cap. (US\$)	14,349,891,255	12,924,114,374
Price Earning Ratio	18.37	17.91
Earning Per Share (%)	27.67	27.67

Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M.Tk.)	(%)	Big Lot	Share
Summit Power-A	364,598	474.39	7.70	1,950	
SummitAlconPower-D	114,320	260.34	4.23	2,000	
BEXTECH Ltd.-A	3,381,722	222.32	3.62	20,000	
ICB AMCL 2nd NRB-A	336,600	202.98	3.30	2,950	
BEXIMCO Ltd.-A	690,960	198.62	3.23	4,000	
Jarmana Oil-A	579,800	161.28	2.62	10,000	
Altab Auto-A	87,470	148.39	2.41	5,000	
AMS Bank-A	162,571	143.86	2.34	715	
AMS First-A	6,865,000	132.70	2.15	65,000	
Grament/SchemeZ-A	2,284,000	123.13	2.00	12,000	
BEXIMCO Ltd.-A	944,365	271.67	34.54	34,700	
BEXTECH Ltd.-A	892,104	58.81	48	18,200	
Summit Power-A	25,325	32.96	4.19	500	
Altab Auto-A	31,886	28.18	3.58	265	
EBL First Mutual Fund	836,000	26.75	34.0	8,000	
ICB AMCL 2nd NRB-A	123,300	26.73	21.21	2,700	
Fidelity Assets-A	940,000	18.21	23.5	25,000	
AMS First-A	36,500	17.55	23.2	8,000	
Grament/SchemeZ-A	32,370	15.15	1.93	1,000	

Capital Gainers/Losers

Company	Price Chn. (%)	Close	Turnover
BLTC-Z	9.15	9.80	219.00 0.007
Spring-A	8.11	4.26	638.25 5.884
Fidelity Assets-A	8.10	10.25	449.25 89.693
Hakikani PS Paper-B	8.05	8.03	71.80 0.443
ICB AMCL Islamic MF-A	7.85	4.37	43.00 31.138
Chittagong Veg-Z	12.14	11.63	97.00 0.038
ICB AMCL Islamic MF-A	11.92	11.50	420.25 1.786
Summit Leather-Z	8.85	8.94	104.50 0.272
Beta Shoe Ltd.-A	8.23	8.23	36.00 0.008
Beach Hatchery-A	6.90	6.10	45.00 6.377
Beximco Syn-A	-3.75	-3.73	461.50 84.689
Dulania Cotton-B	-3.71	-2.72	162.50 1.568
Aramit Cement-Z	-3.65	-1.03	330.25 2.550
Bangla Biscuits	-3.47	-1.47	132.00 0.524
North Jute-Z	-3.22	-3.40	10.00 0.108
Rangpur Foundry-A	-6.85	-5.78	81.60 1.402
Aramit Cement-Z	-4.06	-1.15	347.75 0.100
North Jute-Z	-4.01	-1.63	49.00 0.449
Grament 1st MF-A	-3.81	-3.32	625.25 0.094
8th ICB MF-A	-3.67	-3.49	675.25 0.237

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Company	R.D./BC	Div	Meeting Date	Venue	Time
Bangladesh Welding-BNCP	06-09	5.00%	AGM 29-08	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
BSRM Steel Ltd.-A	14-09	7.00%	AGM 07-06	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Takami Irons-N	30-08	25-08	AGM 30-08	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
BD Hotels-A	33%	AGM 06-08	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM	
Megha Shrimp-Z	27-08	18-08	AGM 09-09	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Lagacy Footwear-B	30-08	24-08	5.00%	AGM 09-09	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka
City Bank-A	25-08	19-08	AGM 27-09	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Jasna Irons-A	31-08	20-08	AGM 20-10	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Scarbanga Irons-A	21-09	10-09	AGM 15-10	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Apex Spinning-A	30-08	25-08	15%	AGM 27-09	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka
Apex Foods-A	31-08	26-08	12%	AGM 20-10	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka
BOCOM Online-A	31-08	26-08	10%	AGM 01-10	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka
Dandy Dyeing-Z	12-11	03-11	AGM 24-11	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
Men Spinning-A	14-09	09-09	Right Side 20-09	Prime Hotel Ltd., 31-Avg, Dhaka	10:00 AM
IPO Subscription Dates					
The Dacca Dyeing	30-08	03-09			
Germen Phone Ltd.	04-09	06-09			

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 27-08-09: SOUTHEAST, LEGACYFOOT, FIRSTSBANK Normal Trade Start from 27-08-09: MEGHNASHR, TRADE SUSPENDED ON 27-08-09: APEXFOODS, APEXSHIN Sponsors Buy/Sell: NATIFLEINS Mr. Shaifur Rahman Titu to sell 1,000 Shares of ISLAMIC BANKING LTD. to sell 30,000 shares. ASIAPACONS Mrs. Waahida Pervin Happy to sell 30,000 shares. PRIMEFIN Mawsons Limited to sell 15,000 shares. PEOPLEFIN Mr. Md. Farhad Ahmed Akanda to sell 5,000 shares.

Stock Dividend Credited to BO Account:
DSE NEWS: During the month of Holy Ramadan the trading hours of Spot Market will be from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

SIBL: The Bank has informed that the Board of Directors of the Bank has confirmed the purchase of 100,000 shares of Prime Bank Ltd. at 1st Floor and 1,900 sq ft at 2nd Floor of the building situated at 82 Nawabpur Road, Dhaka at a total cost of Tk. 5,71,00,000.00 only for the use of the Bank's Nawabpur Road Branch, Dhaka.

SEC: SEC has given consent under the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission (Issue of Capital) Rules, 2001, for raising the paid-up capital of Beximco Ltd. from Tk. 207.11 to 30,870.00 Tk. 405.60, 65,030.00 through issuance of 19,84,93,416 ordinary shares of Tk. 10.00 each (face value) at Tk. 32 per share favoring New England Equity Limited (NEEL) upon entering into a sale and assignment agreement as mentioned at sl. no. 2) and Beximco group of companies (Bangladesh Export Import Co. Ltd., Shinkapur Ceramics Limited, Bangladesh Online Ltd., New Dhaka Industries Limited and Beximco Ltd.) for the purpose of the Assignee's request for the purpose of the repayment of outstanding loans of the said lender companies. The consent has been accorded subject to the condition that the company shall comply with the relevant laws and regulatory requirements of Bangladesh and other concerned jurisdictions and shall adhere to the conditions laid down by SEC under section -20C of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969.

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Company CDIBL market Category Mark Face Value/Market Lot (EPS)/BV/Last Dividend/Year End																		
DSE/CSE: Closing % Change % Last Day / Average / High / Low / Trade Volume (Share)																		
BANK																		
AB Bank-A	-A	10051.89	72.62	16.15	15.94	-1208												
D 877.5	2.88%	905.1	884.92	96.01	96.01	-1208												
C 475.0	2.80%	900.3	883.88	95.50	84.00	-11886												
City Bank-A	-A	10051.25	141.20	39.10	39.10	-1206												
D 393.0	1.50%	399.0	393.64	39.00	39.25	-20495												
C 387.5	3.13%	400.0	389.85	39.93	32.25	-1783												
ITC Bank-A	-A	10051.37	121.26	15.75	15.75	-1208												
D 626.8	0.15%	628.0	627.43	63.88	62.52	-22301												
C 503.3	0.12%	621.3	619.50	64.85	60.93	-3235												
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D 526.0	0.08%	530.3	527.31	53.00	52.75	-51000												
C 521.0	1.23%	527.5	523.65	52.75	52.00	-3550												
481.8	1.88%	491.0	484.31	49.10	48.00	-44886												
D 481.8	1.88%	491.0	484.31	49.10	48.00	-44886												
C 481.8	1.88%	491.0	484.31	49.10	48.00	-44886												
Islamic Bank BD-A	-A	10051.43	121.26	15.75	15.75	-1207												