

Asian currencies buoyant

AFP, Hong Kong Asian currencies ended the week generally up against the dollar amid greater optimism in the region and continued low interest rates in the United States.

JAPANESE YEN: The yen stayed slightly higher against the dollar during the week as the US unit was hit by the prospect US interest rates will stay low for the time being, dealers said.

The Japanese unit stood at 89.77 yen to the dollar in New York late Friday, against 89.80 to the dollar there a week earlier.

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR: The Australian dollar soared to a 14-month high this week, spurred by a surprise drop in unemployment and shock rate rise, dealers said.

The commodities-based Aussie closed Friday at 90.34 US cents, up from 86.91 US cents a week earlier,

after trading as high as 90.92 US cents in Thursday's overnight session.

NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR: The New Zealand dollar finished local trading Friday at 73.94 US cents, up sharply from 71.20 the previous week.

CHINESE YUAN: The yuan closed at 6.8256 to the dollar Friday on the over-the-counter market, down from a close of 6.8263 on September 30, the last trading day before China's week-long holiday.

HONG KONG DOLLAR: The US-pegged Hong Kong unit ended the week unchanged at 7.751 compared with the previous week.

INDONESIAN RUPIAH: The rupiah ended at 9,450 to the dollar, up from 9,645 the week before.

PHILIPPINE PESO: The Philippine peso rose to 46.46 to the dollar on Friday afternoon from 47.10 on October 2.

SINGAPORE DOLLAR: The dollar

was at 1.3926 Singapore dollars to 1.4141 last week.

SOUTH KOREAN WON: The won continued gaining ground against the greenback over the week, closing at 1,164.50 won per dollar, compared with 1,178.3 won a week earlier.

The dollar is now at its lowest level against the won since closing at 1,160.50 won per dollar on September 26, 2008.

TAIPEI: The Taiwan dollar rose 0.34 percent in the week to October 9 to close at 32.240 against the US dollar. The local currency closed at 32.350 a week earlier.

THAI BAHT: The Thai baht rose sharply against the dollar over the past week despite interventions by the Bank of Thailand to soften the unit, dealers said.

The baht closed Friday at 33.31-33 baht to one dollar compared to the previous week's close of 33.50-53.



Md Enayettullah, director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 54th branch at Keraniganj in Dhaka recently.

MARKET STOCK

Market Highlights October 11, 2009

Table with market indicators: DSE All Share Index: 2733.81601 (+0.05%), DSE General Index: 3259.65200 (+0.02%), DSE - 20 Index: 2278.75259 (-0.02%), CSE All Share Index: 11207.6556 (+0.01%), CSE - 10 Index: 8399.6880 (+0.09%), CSE Selected Index: 7046.8710 (+0.08%).

Turnover Leaders

Table listing top turnover companies: Titas Gas TDCCL, Jamuna Oil, BEXIMCO Ltd, BEXTECH Ltd, Moksos Spinning, AB Bank, Navana CNG, Bay Leasing, Beximo Pharma, Summit Alliance Port.

Tata raises \$750m

AFP, New Delhi India's top vehicle maker Tata Motors raised 750 million dollars Friday from investors and said it would use the funds to repay debt from the purchase of British car icons Jaguar and Land Rover.

Helped by growing strong demand for emerging market securities, Tata Motors said it won an enthusiastic response to its sale of global depositary shares (GDRs) and convertible bonds.

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Md Moyjuddin Ahmed, member (investment promotion) of Bepza, and Kongkiat Thanakarnjanasuthi, managing director of Bexter Brenton (Bangladesh) Clothing Manufacturing Ltd, exchange documents after signing a deal in Dhaka recently. Under the agreement, Bexter will set up a clothing manufacturing unit in Dhaka EPZ with an investment of \$1.3 million.

Currency

Table showing major currency exchange rates: US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish kroner, Kuwaiti dinar.

Local Market FX

Local inter-bank FX market was slightly subdued today as the international markets were closed. There was ample liquidity in the market and the USD/BDT rate traded in a similar range to the previous working day.

International Market

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Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels as on 11/10/2009. Columns include Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, Import, Disch.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table listing vessels awaiting employment: Barga Lanka, Banglar Gourab, Banglar Umi, Banglar Umi, Sulu Wind, Chittagong.

Vessels not entering

Table listing vessels not entering: Serash, Noor-e-mostafa, Pontonstos, Pacific Banghu, Glyo-2, Phuc Hai Sun.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table listing vessels due at outer anchorage: Wehr Rissen, Maile Ramon, Vinashun Sun, Oxi Nomad, Ym Merani, Ocean Coral, Frida Schulte, Barga Bonik.

TRADED ISSUES October 11, 2009

Table listing traded issues: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table listing dividend and IPO information: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

NEWS FROM TRADE SERVERS

Dividend Declaration: ANWARGLAW No Dividend. Sponsors Buy/Sell: MEGHANAG East West Property Development (Pvt.) Ltd. to sell 29,850 shares. POPULARIF Mr. Golam Faruk Ahmed to sell 2,340 shares.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Table listing pharmaceutical and chemical products: Albac Auto, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table listing miscellaneous items: Albac Auto, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo, Alfa Romeo.

NON BANKING FIN

Table listing non-banking financial institutions: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

FOOD & ALLIED

Table listing food and allied products: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

TEXTILE

Table listing textile products: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

PAPER & PACKAGING

Table listing paper and packaging products: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

LIFE INSURANCE

Table listing life insurance products: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE - 20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE - 10 Index, CSE Selected Index.

Source: Capital Group / Lovers based on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value, Dividend Declaration, Category is mentioned below company name after DSE/IBV. All EPS & BV are mentioned below company name after DSE/IBV. All EPS & BV are mentioned below company name after DSE/IBV. All EPS & BV are mentioned below company name after DSE/IBV.