

Asian markets mostly higher

AFP, Hong Kong

Asian markets were mostly higher on Monday although gains on the back of rising oil prices and a strengthening dollar were weighed on by weak US corporate data and a tumble on Wall Street.

Hong Kong added 1.23 percent and Shanghai was 2.07 percent higher with help from crude approaching \$80 dollars a barrel, which pushed commodities firms.

Seoul rose 0.53 percent and Taipei 0.47 percent, with the greenback's rebound helping electronics and auto makers. Singapore was 0.13 percent stronger and Bangkok was two percent higher after last week's big losses caused by concerns for the health of Thailand's king.

However, Tokyo shed 0.21 percent and Sydney dropped 0.90 percent.

Mumbai was closed for a public holiday.

TOKYO: Down 0.21 percent. The Nikkei-225 fell 21.05 points to 10,236.51.

HONG KONG: Up 1.23 percent. The Hang Seng Index finished up 270.56 points at 22,200.46.

The index recorded its best finish since closing at 22,514 on August 4 last year and has risen 5.6 percent in October.

SYDNEY: Down 0.90 percent. The SP/ASX200 dropped 43.6 points to 4,792.8.

SHANGHAI: Up 2.07 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers both A and B shares, was up 61.64 points to 3,038.27.

SEOUL: Up 0.53 percent. The KOSPI gained 8.71 points to 1,649.07.

Samsung Electronics rose 0.7 percent to 751,000 won and Hynix Semiconductor added 0.3 percent to 19,850 won.

Hyundai Motor added 1.1 percent to 101,000 won.

TAIPEI: Up 0.47 percent. The weighted index rose 36.22 points to 7,751.32.

SINGAPORE: Up 0.13 percent. The Straits Times Index gained 3.58 points to 2,711.70.

BANGKOK: Up 2.02 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand gained 14.49 points to close at 731.61.

KUALA LUMPUR: Up 0.38 percent. The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index gained 4.72 points to 1,261.49.

The market is at a new high for 2009.

JAKARTA: Up 0.20 percent. The Jakarta Composite Index gained 5.12 points to 2,520.92.

MANILA: Up 0.32 percent. The composite index added 9.38 points to close at 2,932.20.

WELLINGTON: Up 0.43 percent. The NZX-50 closed 13.72 points up at 3,220.92.



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and chief executive officer of Eastern Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's renovated Khatunganj branch in Chittagong on Sunday.

Currency

Following is Monday's (October 19, 2009) forex statement by Standard

Chartered Bank		Exchange rate of some currencies	
Major currency exchange rates			
	BC Sell	TT Buy	
US dollar	69.45	68.45	
Euro	105.15	99.88	
Pound	115.25	109.79	
Australian dollar	65.03	61.19	
Japanese yen	0.80	0.74	
Swiss franc	69.98	64.83	
Swedish kroner	10.57	9.26	
Canadian dollar	66.14	65.14	
Hong Kong dollar	8.98	8.81	
Singapore dollar	50.00	48.88	
UAE dirham	19.06	18.49	
Saudi riyal	18.67	18.11	
Danish kroner	14.52	13.56	
Kuwaiti dinar	239.33	235.67	
Indian rupee		46.09	1.50
Pak rupee		83.10	0.83
Lankan rupee		114.82	0.60
Thai baht		33.49	2.06
Malaysian ringgit		3.39	20.35
USD forward rate against BDT			
	Buy	Sell	
1M	68.50	69.70	
3M	68.55	70.10	
6M	68.65	70.42	
	69.00	71.50	

The euro backed off a 14 month high against the dollar and a two-month peak against the yen on Monday as investors trimmed long positions on caution about what euro zone finance ministers may say about its recent strength. The high-flying Australian dollar also ran into a spell of profit-taking as investors notched back their holdings after Bank of America posted a large quarterly loss and data offered fresh evidence that US consumers were still struggling.

Oil above \$78

AFP, London

World oil prices edged higher on Monday as traders paused for breath after prices struck a one-year peak before the weekend.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for November delivery, rose 24 cents to 78.77 dollars a barrel after ending Friday at 78.53 dollars, the highest closing level since October 2008.

Brent North Sea crude for December delivery added 25 cents to reach 77.24 dollars.



Yasmee Haque, director of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's seventh brokerage house branch at Dhannoddi in Dhaka yesterday. Anis A Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, is also seen.

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Market Highlights

October 19, 2009

DSE All Share Index	2772.35124	(-) 0.10%
DSE General Index	3306.12417	(-) 0.10%
DSE - 20 Index	2282.13013	(-) 0.50%
CSE All Share Index	11423.6700	(-) 0.24%
CSE - 30 Index	8454.5900	(-) 0.89%
CSE Selected Index	7381.7100	(-) 0.23%

Indicators

	DSE	CSE
Total Turnover (Taka)	12,166,787,558.55	1,98,654,353.00
Total Turnover (Volume)	75,020,666	9,784,081
Number of Contract	184,782	26,606
Total Traded Issues	241	168
No. of Issue Gain (Avg. Price Basis)	100	74
No. of Issue Loss (Avg. Price Basis)	140	92
No. of Unchanged Issue (Avg. P. Basis)	1	2
Market Cap. (Taka)	1,073,175,959,226	975,480,906,627
Market Cap. (US\$)	15,666,773,127	14,240,597,177
Price Earning Ratio	20.10	19.73
Earning Per Share (%)	27.18	27.34

Turnover Leaders

Company	Turnover (Vol.)	(M.Tk.)	(%) T	Big Lot Share
BEKIMCO Ltd.*-A	3,246,378	1,010.60	8.31	19,100
BEXTEX Ltd.*-A	391,980	924.91	7.60	52,000
Titas Gas TDCIL*-A	1,042,650	721.62	5.93	5,450
Navana CNG*-A	1,760,400	394.38	3.25	30,000
Jamuna Oil*-A	969,300	369.47	3.04	6,300
Alfab Auto*-A	123,033	284.28	2.34	2,025
Keya Cosmetics*-A	3,304,497	274.67	2.26	30,000
Maksons Spinning*-A	2,849,150	268.82	2.21	24,000
DESCO Ltd.*-A	149,115	229.53	1.89	1,000
Shinpuu Ceramics*-A	2,347,165	224.98	1.85	36,600
BEKIMCO Ltd.*-A	345,869	107.67	0.98	6,400
BEXTEX Ltd.*-A	629,746	67.57	0.64	6,000
Shinpuu Ceramics*-A	514,680	49.28	0.41	5,000
Titas Gas TDCIL*-A	68,100	47.18	0.34	950
Keya Cosmetics*-A	566,600	46.20	0.35	8,500
Navana CNG*-A	192,000	40.33	0.35	1,600
Bevimo Pharma*-A	238,637	40.13	0.35	2,200
In Tech Online*-A	554,725	36.10	0.31	8,000
Prime Bank*-A	108,263	30.07	0.26	14,300
AB Bank*-A	31,884	29.32	0.24	600

Capital Gainers/Losers

Company		Price Chn. (%)	Price	Turnover	
		Close	Avg.	M.Tk.	
Quamem Silk Mills - Z	D	20.00	19.43	27.00	1,739
Fu-Wang Food - Z	D	19.88	18.35	79.60	51,419
Meghna PET Ind. - Z	D	19.33	15.15	32.10	14,088
In Tech Online - A	D	19.02	17.74	68.20	167,668
Zeal Bangla Sugar - Z	D	16.82	9.68	38.90	7,771
Fahad Industries Ltd.	C	19.29	15.53	16.70	5,150
In Tech Online - A	C	19.26	17.69	67.50	36,096
Fine Foods - A	C	15.21	9.24	75.00	1,352
Keya Detergent - A	C	15.27	9.28	65.30	23,967
Legacy Footwear - B	C	13.35	15.43	60.30	7,018
Banga Process - B	D	9.08	8.90	1463.75	0.176
Libra Infusions - A	D	-6.78	-6.72	270.52	0.649
Modern Dyeing - B	D	-6.37	-6.61	763.75	0.189
Gemini SeaFood - A	D	-5.53	-5.73	1,670.25	0.125
Kohinoor Chem - A	D	-5.48	-5.79	2,835.75	0.162
National Housing Fin. - C	D	-8.47	-7.67	985.50	0.398
ibc BML F&S - A	D	-8.17	-8.18	778.00	0.008
Ind. Leasing - A	D	-7.95	-7.95	950.00	0.000
Prime Islami Life - A	D	-7.22	-7.22	1,800.00	0.090
Olympic Ind. - A	D	-6.85	-6.84	1,115.75	1.451

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Company	R.D./BC Spot	Div	Meeting Date	Venue, Time
Dandy Dyeing*-Z	12-11-03-11	AGM	24-11	24-11-03-11
Rafina Food*-B	08-11-03-11	%	AGM	19-11
Modern Spring*-A	14-Sep-09-Sep	Right Sub.	27-09-2010	
Imam Btoun*-B	22-11-17-11	%	AGM	15-12
Anwar Galvanizing*-Z	18-03-10-03		AGM	25-03
Keya Detergent*-A	02-11-28-10	10%	AGM	25-12
Keya Cosmetics*-A	02-11-28-10	15%	AGM	25-12
ICB*-A	04-11-01-11	50%/100%	AEGM	24-11
Asma Yarn*-B	02-11-28-10	500%	AGM	23-12
IPO Subscription Dates:				
Chitra Insurance Ltd.-10212	10212	10212	10212	10212
Private Insurance Ltd.-1571	1571	1571	1571	1571

News from Trade Servers

Trade Suspended On 20-10-09: PRIMEBANK, SINGERBD

Sponsors Buy/Sell: BGIC Mr. Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury to sell 15,969 shares. ISNLTD Mrs. Shinn Huq to sell 50,000 shares.

RAHIMAFOLD: The company has informed that an EGM of the company will also be held on 19.11.09 at 11:00 AM at Factory premises, Uttar Rupshi, Rupganj, Narayanganj to amend Clause 94 of the Articles of Association of the Company regarding appointment and activities of the Chairman of the company.

Book Closure of EGM: 08.11.09 to 19.11.09.

ABBANK: The Bank has informed that the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh Ltd. (CRAB) has assigned 'AA3' rating in the long term and ST-1 in the short term to AB Bank Limited for the half year ended June 30, 2009 (based on unaudited financials).

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