

Asian shares higher

Asian markets were mostly higher on Monday as optimism about the upcoming third quarter reporting season helped investors brush off a weak lead from Wall Street at the end of last week.

The region was also given a boost after South Korea revealed above-forecast growth figures for the third quarter, leading to hopes other economies will follow suit.

Tokyo added 0.77 percent, Seoul one percent and Shanghai was flat.

Hong Kong and Wellington were closed for public holidays.

TOKYO: Up 0.77 percent. The Nikkei-225 rose 79.63 points to 10,362.62.

SEATTLE: Down 0.60 percent. The SP/ASX200 fell 29.1 points to 4,830.3.

SHANGHAI: Flat. The Shanghai Composite Index, which covers both A and B shares, was up 1.72 points or 0.06 percent to 3,109.57.

SEOUL: Up 1.03 percent. The KOSPI ended up 16.94 points at 1,657.11.

TAIPEI: Up 0.25 percent. The weighted index rose 19.12 points to 7,668.40.

SINGAPORE: Flat. The Straits Times Index gained 1.28 points or 0.05 percent to 2,716.62.

BANGKOK: Up 0.43 percent. The Stock Exchange of Thailand rose 3.07 points to close at 711.83.

JAKARTA: Flat. The Jakarta Composite Index edged down 0.24 points or 0.01 percent to 2,467.71.

Telkom fell 1.7 percent to 8,500 rupiah, Bank Rakyat lost 1.3 percent to 7,500 and car distributor Astra rose 1.4 percent to 33,100.

MANILA: Up 0.29 percent. The composite index added 8.54 points to 2,941.53.

MUMBAI: Down 0.42 percent. The 30-share Sensex fell 70.31 points to 16,740.5.



Shafiqul Alam Chowdhury, deputy general manager for information technology department of Janata Bank Ltd, and Mahboob Zaman, managing director of Data Soft Systems Bangladesh Ltd, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Data Soft will provide a centralised real time online banking system for the bank.

Oil slips

Oil prices fell Monday on profit-taking and as a ceasefire took hold in Nigeria, whose crude production has been ravaged by militant attacks in recent years, analysts said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, shed 49 cents to 80.01 dollars a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for December lost 40 cents to 78.52 dollars in early London trade.

New York crude oil hit \$82 dollars on Wednesday, the highest level since October 14, 2008, as the market took its cue from a slumping US economy.

Currency

Monday's forex strategy by Standard Chartered Bank

Table with columns: Major currency exchange rates, Exchange rates of some currencies, Buy, Sell. Includes US dollar, Euro, Pound, etc.

Local Market FX Local inter-bank FX market was active today as the international markets opened after the weekend break.

The USD/BDT rate traded at a similar level compared with the previous day. The market which had been on a strong upward in the previous week has stabilized in the past few days.

International Market The dollar was broadly weak on Monday, falling a 14-month low against the euro following a Chinese report saying Beijing should increase its holdings of euros and yen in its foreign reserves.



Md Jahangir Alam Khan, chairman of United Commercial Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 86th branch in Gazipur on Sunday.

STOCK

Market Highlights October 26, 2009

Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE 20 Index, etc. Includes indicators like Total Turnover, Number of Contract, etc.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk), (% T), Big Lot Share. Lists companies like BEXTECH Ltd, TESCO Gas, etc.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table with columns: Company, Price Chg, (%), Close, M.Tk. Lists companies like Jute Spinners, Summit Alliance, etc.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table with columns: Company, Div, Mgmt Date, Verus, Time. Lists companies like Dandy Dyeing, Rabana Food, etc.

News from Trade Servers

Spot Trade Start from 27-10-09. TITAGAS, DAFFODIL, COMI, Dandy Dyeing, Rabana Food, etc.

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Source: Capital Gainers/Losers tables are prepared on the basis of the closing price change of the traded issues. EPS-Earnings per Share, BV-Book Value per Share, etc.