



Rokia A Rahman, chairman of MIDAS Financing Ltd, presides over the company's 14th annual general meeting in Dhaka on Tuesday. The company declared 15 percent stock and 2.5 percent cash dividends for its shareholders.

Asian shares bring curtain down on year of recovery

AFP, Hong Kong

Asia's markets rebounded during 2009 from losses incurred in the global financial crisis, but analysts warned of further volatility in the 12 months ahead.

More than a year after world economies went into freefall, the Asia-Pacific region has recovered strongly, largely due to the rapid deployment of massive government stimulus measures.

The year saw investor confidence return across the region. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index ended 52 percent higher after being stripped by nearly the same amount in 2008.

In China the Shanghai Composite

Index surged 80 percent while Seoul's KOSPI added nearly 50 percent.

The Shanghai Composite Index enjoyed a huge bull run in 2009 after shedding nearly two thirds of its value in 2008 as the effects of the global financial crisis took hold.

Beijing in 2008 unveiled a four-trillion-yuan (586-billion-dollar) stimulus package along with big tax breaks to boost domestic spending amid the global slump.

Japan saw a volatile 12 months as the country exited recession but saw unemployment hit a record high as prices continued to fall along with wages and a stronger yen battered exporters.

On Wednesday the Nikkei-225 closed down 0.86 percent at 10,546.44, still up 20 percent over the year.

In India, Mumbai's Sensex index added a massive 80 percent as the government's economic reforms and coordinated policy actions restored confidence with foreign investors returning.

Singapore's Straits Times Index was 65 percent higher.

The region's other markets also surged, with Sri Lanka 128 percent higher, Bangkok and Manila more than 60 percent up on the year, Kuala Lumpur up 45 percent and Wellington 18 percent higher.

2010 key year for China: bank governor

AFP, Beijing

China's central bank governor said Thursday that 2010 would be a key year in the nation's battle to overcome the financial crisis and pledged a relaxed credit policy to boost economic recovery.

"To handle financial macro-economic adjustments well will be of great importance in effectively warding off the attacks of the global financial crisis and solidifying the basis of economic recovery," Zhou Xiaochuan said.

In the coming year, the People's Bank of China will

maintain its moderately easy monetary policy, but will also make its policy more flexible, he said in a New Year's message to bank employees posted on the central bank's website.

In 2010, more credit support would be channelled toward job creation, strategic emerging industries and towards the upgrading of industries, he said.

The bank will also offer financial support to areas of the economy that promote the expansion of domestic demand, aid the agricultural sector and help China move towards sustainable development, he said.



Syed Moazzem Hussain, director of Pubali Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 382nd branch at Moynomati in Comilla recently. Helal Ahmed Chowdhury, managing director, is also seen.

MARKET

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Shipping

Chittagong Port

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Table with columns: Vessels not ready, Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port call, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving Import, Import disch.

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Weekly Market Highlights

Table with columns: Indicators, DSE, CSE. Lists market performance metrics for DSE and CSE.

Weekly Market Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol., M.Trk.), %T, Av. Price, Closing. Lists top market turnover leaders.

Weekly Capital Gainers/Users

Table with columns: Company, Price Chn., %T, Close, M.Trk. Lists top capital gainers and users.

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