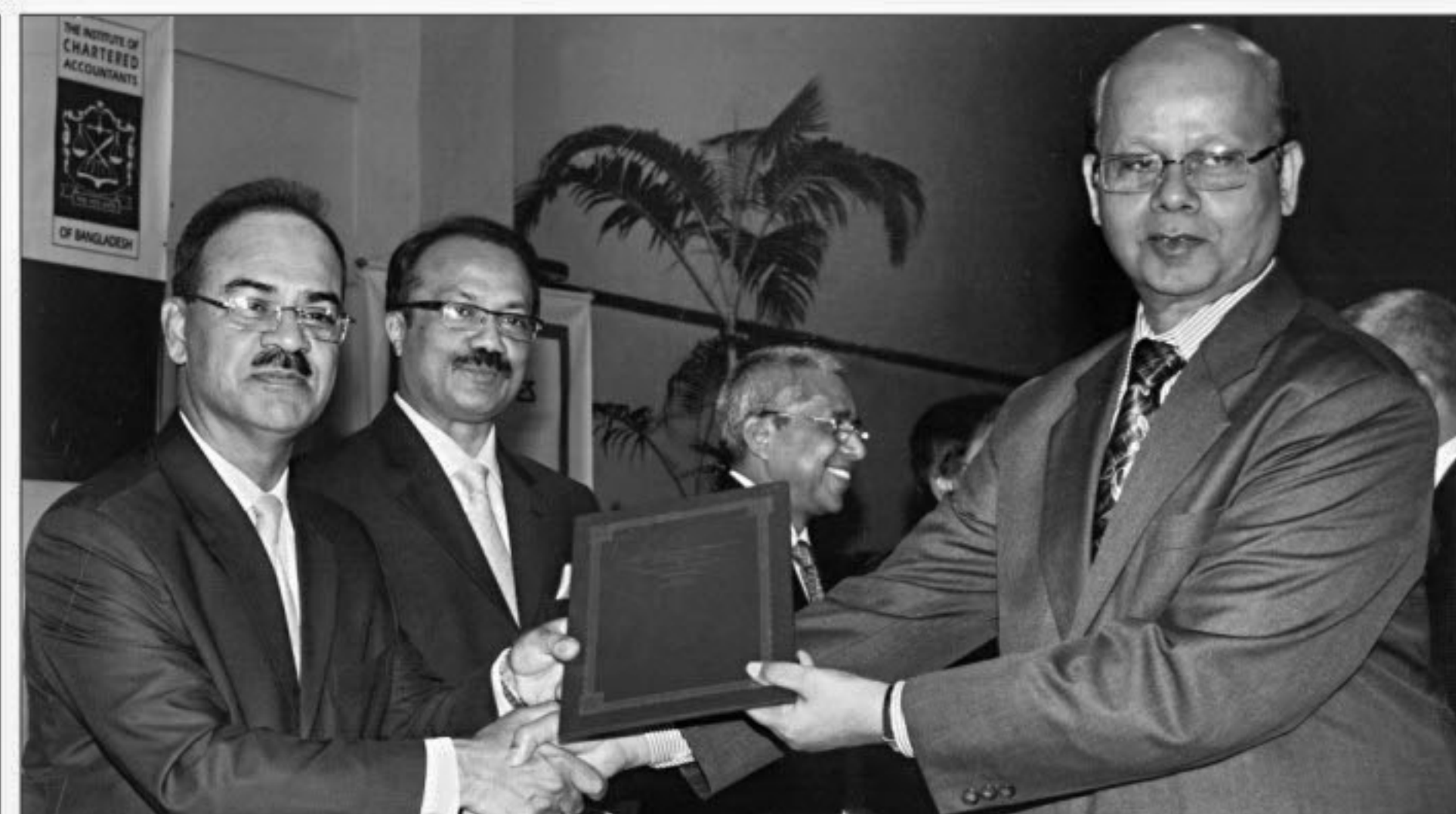


Asian stocks extend gains

Asian shares extended their gains Wednesday amid upbeat sentiment over the global outlook, as an offer from Japan's finance minister to resign on health grounds failed to ruffle investors. The Nikkei in Tokyo closed up 0.46 percent at 10,731.45 while Sydney ended flat at 4,925.90 points as optimism about resources stocks was offset by a fall in banking shares. Hong Kong ended 0.62 percent stronger at 22,416.67. However, Shanghai shares fell 0.85 percent to 3,254.22 as rising inflationary pressure led to fears Beijing may start monetary tightening measures. Commodities companies were higher, although a stronger dollar offset crude's recent gains on a severe winter in the northern hemisphere and expectations of further demand growth due to hopes for the global economy. Singapore stocks rose 0.35 percent to 2,903.49 and Seoul gained 0.87 percent to 1,705.32, helped by the US auto market data. Taipei added 1.42 percent to 8,327.62, Wellington was 0.10 percent up at 3,271.57 and Manila edged 0.38 percent higher to 3,039.93 while Kuala Lumpur rose 0.38 percent to 1,293.17. Jakarta was flat at 2,603.29 and Bangkok rose 0.49 percent to 735.73. Indian shares ended flat on Wednesday in choppy trade, as indices see-sawed on profit-taking and sporadic buying with prices rising 1.83 points. The 30-share benchmark Sensex closed up 14.89 points, or 0.08 percent, at 17,701.33.

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Oil prices drop

Oil prices fell on Wednesday as a stronger dollar offset rising demand for heating fuel caused by cold weather in the northern hemisphere, analysts said. New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in February, was down 10 cents to 81.67 dollars a barrel. Brent North Sea crude for February delivery shed 17 cents to 80.42 dollars in early London trading.

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Table with columns: DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE-20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE-10 Index, CSE Selected Index, Indicators, DSE, CSE.

Turnover Leaders

Table with columns: Company, Turnover (Vol.), (M.Tk.), (% T) Share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

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Dividend/RD BC/IPO

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News from Trade Servers

Trade Suspended On 07-01-09: SALAMCRST. QSMRDYCELL, AMCL(PRAN): In response to a recent DSE query, the companies has informed that there is no undisclosed price sensitive information of the company for recent unusual price hike. POWERGRID: The company has further informed that due to unavoidable circumstances the 13th AGM of the company will now be held on 25.01.2010 at 11:00 a.m. instead of 24.01.2010 at Trust Milonayatan, 545, Old Airport, Dhaka Cantonment. Other information of the AGM as announced earlier. ABBANK: The Bank has informed that Bangladesh Bank has accorded its approval to AB Bank Limited's taking over of a further 30% shares in 'Cashlink Bangladesh Limited', thereby raising its shareholding in the company to 60%. Cashlink Bangladesh Limited (CBL) was formed as a company to carry on the business of providing integrated electronic financial payment and transaction processing solutions in Bangladesh, including co-ordination and deployment of independent branded automated teller machines (ATM) and electronic fund transfer through point of sales and to provide pre-paid card, debit card and credit card processing services. CBL also would facilitate e-commerce facility to its Member Banks.

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