

Asian stocks rebound

AFP, Hong Kong Tokyo closed up 1.58 percent, or 162.21 points, at 10,414.29. The market rebounded from a five-week low thanks to the Wall Street rally Thursday after the US Federal Reserve left interest rates near zero as expected, snapping a recent run of losses in the region.

Investors' spirits were lifted after the Fed gave a rosier outlook on the US economy but kept its Fed funds rate unchanged in a range of zero to 0.25 percent in order to nurse a still-fragile recovery.

The Fed's unchanged view on interest rates "was in line with the market's expectations, but the Fed's better economic assessment is lifting sentiment," Tachibana Securities operating officer Kenichi Hirano told Dow Jones Newswires.

US President Barack Obama's State of the Union address was also watched closely by investors after his recent proposals to limit the size and scope of the US banking sector sent global markets plummeting over the past week.

Chinese shares closed up 0.25 percent, or 7.54 points to 2,994.14 on bargain hunting after four days of losses that were driven by concerns about a liquidity crunch, dealers said.

Seoul closed up 16.95 points, or 1.04 percent at 1,642.43. Taipei rose 1.78 percent or 134.55 points to 7,694.58, snapping a seven-day losing streak. Singapore closed 1.90 percent, or 51.42 points, higher at 2,757.68. Indonesian shares gained 55.01 points, or 2.15 percent to 2,619.57.

Malaysia closed flat, declining 1.26 points to 1,264.51. Manila added 1.44 percent, or 42.15 points, to 2,961.63.

Bangkok fell 0.11 percent, or 0.74 points, to 689.72, while Mumbai rose 0.10 percent, or 17.05 points, to 16,306.87.



Officials of Tradcraft Exchange Bangladesh Office and Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) exchange documents after signing a memorandum of understanding to work together for the development of jute and jute seeds in Bangladesh at a ceremony in Dhaka yesterday. Hosne Ara, director for agriculture of BJRI, Md Kamal uddin, director general, and Shahed Ferdous, country director of Tradcraft, are seen.

Oil near \$74

Oil prices rebounded in Asian trade Thursday after steep declines overnight following the release of mixed energy stockpiles data from the United States.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude, climbed 32 cents to 73.99 dollars a barrel. It dropped 1.04 dollars to 73.67 dollars in New York trade Wednesday, its lowest close since December 22.

London's Brent North Sea crude for March delivery was up 22 cents to 72.46 dollars.

Currency

Thursday's forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table showing major currency exchange rates (BC Sell, TT Buy) and USD forward rate against BDT. Includes rates for US dollar, Euro, Pound, Australian dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, UAE dirham, Saudi riyal, Danish krona, Kuwaiti dinar, and Local Market FX.



Sheema Abed Rahman, director of corporate affairs of ACI Ltd, and Shahjahan Majumder, chief operating officer of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, exchange documents after signing a deal to provide corporate benefits and medical services for their employees at a ceremony in Dhaka yesterday.

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Market Highlights January 28, 2010

Table showing market highlights for January 28, 2010, including DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, DSE-20 Index, CSE All Share Index, CSE-20 Index, and CSE Selected Index.

Turnover Leaders

Table showing turnover leaders for January 28, 2010, listing companies like Gramophone, BEXIMCO, DESCO, and others with their turnover and market share.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table showing capital gainers and losers for January 28, 2010, listing companies like Sinobangla Industries, H.R. Textile, and others with their price change and turnover.

Dividend/RD BC/IPO

Table showing dividend, RD, BC, IPO, and Mutual Fund information for January 28, 2010, listing companies like Mafon Spinning, S.A.M. CR Steel, and others.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port on 28/01/2010, listing vessel names, cargo, local agents, and arrival/departure dates.

Vessels not ready

Table showing vessels not ready for service, listing vessel names, cargo, local agents, and arrival/departure dates.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table showing vessels awaiting employment or instruction, listing vessel names, cargo, local agents, and arrival/departure dates.

Vessels not entering

Table showing vessels not entering the port, listing vessel names, cargo, local agents, and arrival/departure dates.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table showing vessels due at outer anchorage, listing vessel names, cargo, local agents, and arrival/departure dates.

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Text regarding the 30th day of DSE listing regulations, mentioning the Board of Directors and the NCC Bank Ltd.

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Large table listing traded issues for January 28, 2010, including company names, market value, and other financial data.

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News from Trade Servers

Table listing news from trade servers, including company names, market value, and other financial data.

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