

## EQUITY MARKETS OF THE WORLD: A SEA OF BLOOD

### Investors Hunt For A Safe Haven

Relative to the previous week's bloodbaths on international equity markets, last Monday's trading, around the world, was tame.

On the world's largest equity markets, the key indices hardly moved.

And, to **TARGET**'s thinking, this is worrying in view of the international scenario.

It is said that a market that cannot rise, must fall.

But it was very clear, all things considered, that most investors were, still, suffering from St Vitus's Dance.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average finished the day at 13,236.53 points, representing a fall of 3.01 points, or about 0.02 percent, compared with the close of Friday, August 10, 2007.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index suffered a similar fate to The Dow, dropping 2.65 points, equivalent to about 0.10 percent, as investors eased it back to 2,542.24 points.

Investors appeared to be concerned, still, about the housing problems in the US and the knock-on effects which were envisaged in respect of the crisis of the US subprime, mortgage-lending industry.

In Canada, it was reported that Coventree Incorporated, an investment bank of sorts, stated that the commercial paper market, around the world, was in dire need of being refinanced with massive amounts of cash.

As an indication of US investors' concerns about the US housing market, the share price of Accredited Home Lenders Holdings Company fell 34.60 percent to \$US5.82.

The fall in the share price of Accredited Home Lenders Holdings Company was the biggest drag on The NASDAQ's Composite Index.

The ratio of losers to gainers was about 1.06:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 1.21:One on The NASDAQ.

During last Monday's trading day, the Federal Reserve injected another \$US2 billion into the money markets in an attempt to try to calm them.

It appeared to help to do the trick, but it was not without assistance from other Central Banks:

- The European Central Bank injected €48 billion; and,
- The Bank of Japan injected 600 billion yen.

In Europe, investors rallied as the news made the rounds that the European Central Bank was standing in the markets, pumping '*juice*' into them.

Every key index of every major bourse made very material gains as the following **TARGET** () table

illustrates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	2.23 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	2.21 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.78 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	2.99 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	1.24 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	1.42 percent

How much of the gains on European bourses were investors' short-covering, nobody was willing to hazard a guess, but logic dictates that it must have been a factor in the rapid recovery of the key indices, considering the previous week's losses.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September was \$US71.62, representing an increase of about 0.21 percent, compared with the previous Friday's closing level.

As for delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US71.32, equivalent to an increase of about one tenth of a percentage point, compared with the last settlement of Friday, August 10, 2007.

In Asia, it was apparent that investors were unsure as to what action to take – if any.

As a result, the volumes of activity fell on the major stock markets of the region with investors, noting that about half of the equity markets' key indices drifted to lower levels.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), there was a marked decline in the Total Turnover on the territory's 2 equity markets.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the key gauge of trading on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, rose about 0.45 percent to 21,891.10 points on Total Turnover of about \$HK63.03 billion.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.24:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Down 0.56 percent to \$HK141.30 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 0.83 percent to \$HK30.25 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.12 percent to \$HK85.60 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 2.83 percent to \$HK4.73 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 0.19 percent to \$HK10.54 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 0.26 percent to \$HK3.79 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Up 0.36 percent to \$HK5.55 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code:  
388)

Up 0.90 percent to \$HK123.60 per share

China Communications Construction Company  
Ltd (Code: 1800)

Up 1.69 percent to \$HK15.66 per share

China Petroleum and Chemical  
Corporation (Code: 386)

Up 0.93 percent to \$HK7.58per share

As for the biggest movers on the Main Board, they included:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Increase (%)</b>	<b>Decrease (%)</b>	<b>Closing Price (\$HK)</b>
APAC Resources Ltd	1104	11.90		0.94
Artfield Group Ltd	1229	15.00		1.38
Asia Resources Holdings Ltd	899	16.67		0.56
Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Ltd	1049		12.17	1.01
China Investments Holdings Ltd	132	11.58		0.53
Fortuna International Holdings Ltd	530	11.42		0.244
G-Prop (Holdings) Ltd	286	21.72		2.69
Gay Giano International Group Ltd	686	11.93		3.19
Grand Investment International Ltd	1160		13.04	0.80
Hop Hing Holdings Ltd	47	13.56		0.67
Kith Holdings Ltd	1201	16.08		2.96

MACRO-LINK International Holdings Ltd	472	17.14		0.82
Mayer Holdings Ltd	1116	10.17		0.65
Mitsumaru East Kit (Holdings) Ltd	2358		15.50	1.09
Morning Star Resources Ltd	542	19.72		0.17
Nan Hai Corporation Ltd	680	12.50		0.171
New Times Group Holdings Ltd	166	10.84		0.92
Pioneer Global Group Ltd	224	10.84		0.92
Poly Investments Holdings Ltd	263	17.09		2.33
Jilin Qifeng Chemical Fiber Company Ltd	549		25.23	0.83
Riche Multi-Media Holdings Ltd	764		10.17	0.53
Rontex International Holdings Ltd	1142	12.29		0.265
Shun Ho Resources Holdings Ltd	253	12.08		1.67
Sunny Global Holdings Ltd	1094	25.00		0.325
Termbray Industries International (Holdings) Ltd	93		30.71	1.67
Tidetime Sun (Group) Ltd	307	10.42		0.265
Universe International Holdings Ltd	1046	15.38		0.285
Wang Sing International Holdings Group Ltd	2389		35.21	0.92
Wing Hong (Holdings) Ltd	745		12.77	0.82

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, investors continued to unload shares on this speculative market.

The Growth Enterprise Index shed about 1.10 percent of its value, ending the day at 1,541.38 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK682.74 million.

In spite of the lone index of this market, being in negative territory by the close of the day, advancing counters led declining ones by the ratio of about 1.18:One.

The 5, most-active counters in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

Xteam Software International Ltd (Code: 8178)

Up 7.59 percent to \$HK0.85 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical  
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Down 7.39 percent to \$HK16.30per share

China Railway Logistics Ltd (Code: 8089)

Down 6.92 percent to \$HK12.10 per share

MP Logistics International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8239)

Up 6.48 percent to \$HK1.15 per share

Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8182)

Unchanged at \$HK4.00 per share

As for The GEM's biggest movers of the day, they included:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Increase (%)</b>	<b>Decrease (%)</b>	<b>Closing Price (\$HK)</b>
Byford International Ltd	8272		17.14	5.80
Computech Holdings Ltd	8081	18.33		0.71
Core Healthcare Investment Holdings Ltd	8250	15.48		0.485
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048		11.76	0.30
FAVA International Holdings Ltd	8108		10.45	3.00
Shanghai Fudan-Zhangjiang Bio- Pharmaceutical Company Ltd	8231	15.63		0.74
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092	22.14		0.16
Jian ePayment Systems Ltd	8165		16.13	0.78

Medical China Ltd	8186		10.00	0.54
Midland IC and I Ltd	8090	14.40		0.143
South China Land Ltd	8155	12.12		0.37
Sanmenxia Tianyuan Aluminum Company Ltd	8253		10.83	1.07
Venturepharm Laboratories Ltd	8225	12.50		1.44
Wafer Systems Ltd	8198	30.59		1.11
Yuxing InfoTech Holdings Ltd	8005		11.26	1.34

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, the key index of this market, which is the largest and most-important one in Asia, fell, fractionally.

The TOPIX Index gave up 1.29 points, equivalent to about 0.08 percent, ending the day at 1,632.64 points.

As for The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, which is a much-narrower gauge of trading of select blue chips, listed on The First Section of The Tokyo Stock Exchange, than is The TOPIX Index, it gained 35.96 yen, equivalent to about 0.21 percent, ending the trading day at 16,800.05 yen.

#### News Wise

- **The economy of Japan** grew by about 0.10 percent, during the quarter, ended June 30, 2007, according to The Cabinet Office;
- **Japan's Current Account Surplus** grew by about 31.30 percent, during the first half of this year, to 12.47 trillion yen, according to The Finance Ministry; and,
- **Azabu Buildings Company**, a real-estate company in Japan, has declared itself to be hopelessly insolvent. Its debts are about 564.80 billion yen. It has filed for protection from creditors under the Corporate Rehabilitation Law in The Tokyo District Court.

In other Asian equity markets, this was how their respective key indices fared, last Monday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.45 percent to 21,891.10 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.10 percent to 1,541.38
Indonesia	Plus 0.18 percent to 2,211.46
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.08 percent to 1,632.64 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.21 percent to 16,800.05
Malaysia	Plus 0.68 percent to 1,296.48
The Philippines	Minus 0.45 percent to 3,267.03

The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 1.49 percent to 4,820.06 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.93 percent to 1,307.24
Singapore	Plus 0.64 percent to 3,380.61
South Korea	Plus 1.14 percent to 1,849.26
Taiwan	Plus 0.09 percent to 8,938.96
Thailand	Closed

## Tuesday

As **TARGET**'s financial analyst had anticipated, stock and share prices retreated on a wide front on the world's equity markets, last Tuesday.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 207.61 points, equivalent to about 1.57 percent, ending the hectic trading day at 13,028.92 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gave up 43.12 points, or about 1.70 percent, falling back to 2,499.12 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 8:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 3:One on The NASDAQ.

The world's biggest and most-important equity markets were hit, first by an announcement from the world's largest retailer, whose management stated that things were not looking very well for the company's coming profit and loss account, and, then, from a corporate fund manager which imposed restrictions of cash redemptions on investors.

From Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated, Management announced that it fully expected lower earnings for its Current Financial Year as consumer spending had slowed, appreciably.

Its share price fell by about 5.10 percent on the announcement.

Then, Sentinel Management Group Incorporated, which manages a portfolio with a market value of about \$US1.60 billion (about \$HK12.48 billion), announced a proscription on cash withdrawals lest the company face liquidation problems due to a cash-crunch.

From Canada, it was reported that a number of trusts had been unable to find a sufficiency of immediate funds in order to repay outstanding, asset-backed commercial paper.

Further, the Canadian trusts had been turned down for help by their traditional bankers.

And so it went on.

From the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, this important branch of the US Government brought out its findings with regard to May's goods and services deficit.

The following is a précis of The Bureau's findings:

*'The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit decreased in June 2007, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit decreased from \$59.2 billion (revised) in May to \$58.1 billion in June, as exports increased more than imports. The May deficit was slightly lower than its previously published value of \$60.0 billion.'*

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'Exports

*‘Exports of goods and services increased \$2.0 billion in June to \$134.5 billion, mostly reflecting an increase in goods exports. Services exports also increased.*

- The increase in goods exports mostly reflected an increase in industrial supplies and materials. Consumer goods decreased.*
- The increase in services exports reflected increases in other private services and travel, which were partly offset by a decrease in transfers under U.S. military sales contracts*

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*‘Imports of goods and services increased \$0.9 billion in June to \$192.7 billion, mostly reflecting an increase in goods imports. Services imports also increased.*

- The increase in goods imports mostly reflected increases in automotive vehicles, parts, and engines and capital goods, which were partly offset by a decrease in consumer goods.*
- The increase in services imports reflected increases in other private services and travel, which were partly offset by a decrease in other transportation.*

#### *‘Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)*

- The goods deficit with Canada increased from \$5.2 billion in May to \$5.8 billion in June. Exports increased \$0.1 billion to \$21.9 billion, while imports increased \$0.7 billion to \$27.6 billion.*
- The goods deficit with China increased from \$20.0 billion in May to \$21.2 billion in June. Exports increased \$0.6 billion to \$5.9 billion, while imports increased \$1.7 billion to \$27.1 billion.*
- The goods deficit with Mexico increased from \$5.9 billion in May to \$6.4 billion in June. Exports decreased \$0.4 billion to \$11.6 billion, while imports increased \$0.1 billion to \$18.0 billion.’*

In Europe, the key indices of major bourses followed the lead of Wall Street – down the shute:

Amsterdam’s AEX Index	Minus 0.93 percent
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France’s CAC 40 Index	Minus 1.62 percent
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Germany’s Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.65 percent
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Great Britain’s FTSE 100 Index	Minus 1.21 percent
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Italy’s MIBTEL Index	Minus 0.64 percent
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Switzerland’s Swiss Market Index	Minus 1.58 percent
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It appeared that much of Monday’s gains had, after all, been short-covering, but, when that dried up, there was little to hold up the key indices of the major bourses of this part of the world.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the price of crude oil continued to rise, but by a much-sharper rate of climb than on Monday.

For delivery in September, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US72.38,



representing an increase of about 1.06 percent on Monday's last settlement.

As for October delivery, the last settlement was about \$US72.02, an increase of about 0.98 percent on Monday's final quote.

In Asia, the wait-and-see scenario prevailed on the most-important equity markets of the region as the volumes of activity retreated, once again, a sure-shot sign of investor uncertainty.

Stand by for another major fall!

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), both equity markets chalked up fractional gains, but on very material declines in their respective volumes of activity.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index put on about 0.53 percent to end the trading day at 22,007.32 points.

The Total Turnover dropped back to about \$HK53.27 billion.

Advancing counters outdistanced declining ones by the ratio of about 1.18:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 2.31 percent to \$HK30.95 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Unchanged at \$HK141.30 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 0.99 percent to \$HK86.45 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Down 0.21 percent to \$HK4.72 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Up 0.57 percent to \$HK10.60 per share
China Merchants Bank Company Ltd (Code: 3968)	Down 0.70 percent to \$HK28.20 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Down 0.54 percent to \$HK5.52 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Up 0.26 percent to \$HK3.80 per share
Air China Ltd (Code: 753)	Up 5.17 percent to \$HK6.71 per share
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd	Up 2.49 percent to \$HK63.75 per share

Of the 38, double-digit movers of the Main Board, last Tuesday, the share prices of 29 counters gained 10 percent or more while the managements of the 9 remaining counters noted that their respective share prices had shed 10 percent or more of their former values.

Peking Apparel International Group Ltd (Code: 761) turned out to be the biggest winner of the day as

speculative buying activity pushed up its share price by 31.25 percent to 84 cents.

The share price of Forefront Group Ltd (Code: 885) was the biggest loser of the day as its share price shed about 15 percent to \$HK1.36.

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index rose by about 0.94 percent to end the day at 1,555.88 points.

The Total Turnover on this speculative market was about \$HK542.17 million, while the ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was tight, at about 1.03:One.

The 5, most-active counters in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

MP Logistics International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8239)

Up 7.83 percent to \$HK1.24 per share

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Down 17.53 percent \$HK0.40 per share

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Down 2.81 percent to \$HK11.76 per share

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As for The GEM's double-digit movers of the day, they included:

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Advanced Card Systems Holdings Ltd	8210		15.07	0.31
Shanxi Changcheng Microlight Equipment Company Ltd	8286		17.36	1.00
Century Sunshine Ecological Technology Holdings Ltd	8276	10.20		1.08
CIG Yangtze Ports PLC	8233	11.27		0.79
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FlexSystem Holdings Ltd	8050	15.38		0.375
Golding Soft Ltd	8190	10.42		0.265
Info Communication Holdings Ltd	8082		13.64	0.19
JF Household Furnishings Ltd	8310		17.14	0.87
Jian ePayment Systems Ltd	8165	19.23		0.93
Kanstar Environmental Paper Products Holdings Ltd	8011	10.17		0.325
Ko Yo Ecological Agrotech (Group) Ltd	8042	11.32		0.59
Powerleader Science and Technology Company Ltd	8236	49.45		0.68
Qianlong Technology International Holdings Ltd	8015	23.33		0.74
Timeless Software Ltd	8028	14.29		0.192
Yuxing InfoTech Holdings Ltd	8005	10.45		1.48

In Japan, trading was quiet on the country's equity markets with key indices, hardly moving, throughout the day.

(When an equity market's key index that cannot rise, it is, usually, the harbinger of an impending falls.)

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, The TOPIX Index rose about 0.30 percent to 1,637.46 points.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.10:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average put on about 0.27 percent to end the day at 16,844.61 yen.

#### News Wise

- **Seiyu Ltd**, a subsidiary of publicly listed **Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated** (of the US), announced that it had posted a Loss Attributable to Shareholders for the first 6 months of its Financial Year, ended June 30, 2007, of about ¥6.90 billion.

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The Philippines	Minus 0.11 percent to 3,263.56
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 1.09 percent to 4,872.78 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 1.83 percent to 1,331.22
Singapore	Plus 0.18 percent to 3,386.59
South Korea	Minus 1.70 percent to 1,817.89
Taiwan	Minus 0.31 percent to 8,910.99
Thailand	Minus 1.37 percent to 793.82

### Wednesday

It was crunch time on US equity markets, last Wednesday: More blood was spilled on trading floors.

And the problems, confronting the US economy and the country's financial sector, exemplified, most plainly, on US equity markets whose key indices have fallen, very rapidly of late, quickly spread throughout the world's major stock markets.

Investors cringed as the values of their scrip deteriorated, day, after day, after day.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the key index of this market, known as the Dow Jones Industrial Average, lost another 167.45 points, equivalent to about 1.29 percent, falling back to 12,861.47 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ shed 40.29 points, or about 1.61 percent, ending the frenzied trading day at 2,458.83 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 5:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2:One on The NASDAQ.

The Dow Jones Index of Home Builders gave up 4.80 percent.

A great worry for US investors, last Wednesday, was a report from the biggest, US mortgage lender, Countrywide Financial Ltd, as concerns about its financial health spread throughout trading floors.

The share price of Countrywide Financial Ltd fell 13 percent to \$US21.29.

### News Wise

- **Amgen Incorporated**, the largest biotech company in the world, announced that it would be culling its existing staff level by between 2,200 workers and 2,600 workers, representing between 12 percent and 14 percent of its Establishment Level; and,
- Macy's, the prestigious, **US departmental store chain**, announced that its profits, for the 3 months to August 4, 2007, were off by about 77 percent, compared with the like period in 2006.

Prior to the opening of the doors of Wall Street, last Wednesday, the US Bureau of Labour Statistics reported the Consumer Price Index for the month of July.

It was, if anything, a neutral report – which is, never, considered as such because Wall Street gurus can, always, read anything into just about anything.

The following is a verbatim copy of that report, minus the tables and some explanatory notes:

### **'CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JULY 2007**

*'The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was virtually unchanged in July, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The July level of 208.299 (1982-84=100) was 2.4 percent higher than in July 2006.*

*'The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.1 percent in July prior to seasonal adjustment. The July level of 203.700 (1982-84=100) was 2.3 percent higher than in July 2006.*

*'The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in July on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The July level of 120.148 (December 1999=100) was 2.1 percent higher than in July 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.*

#### **'CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)**

*'On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.1 percent in July, following a 0.2 percent increase in June. The index for energy declined for the second consecutive month, down 1.0 percent in July. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 1.4 percent. The index for energy services fell 0.5 percent, resulting from a 1.7 percent decline in the index for natural gas. The food index rose 0.3 percent in July, reflecting a 0.5 percent increase in food away from home. The index for food at home rose 0.1 percent in July after registering average monthly increases of 0.6 percent in the first six months of the year. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in July, the same as in June. A smaller increase in the index for shelter was offset by an advance in the apparel index and larger increases in the indexes for medical care and for new and used vehicles.*

*'During the first seven months of 2007, the CPI-U rose at a 4.5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The index for energy, which rose 2.9 percent in 2006, advanced at a 21.3 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 2007 despite registering declines in each of the last two months. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 36.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 3.8 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 5.7 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.1 percent rise for all of 2006. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.3 percent SAAR in the first seven months, following a 2.6 percent rise for all of 2006.*

*'The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in July. The index for food at home, which increased 0.6 percent in June, rose 0.1 percent in July. Another sharp increase in the index for dairy products was nearly offset by declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for dairy products increased 2.7 percent, following a 3.2 percent increase in June. Milk prices rose 6.4 percent and have risen 16.9 percent since the beginning of the year. The index for fruits and vegetables declined for the third consecutive month—down 1.1 percent in July. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 2.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.2 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs decreased 0.4 percent. The indexes for pork and for beef declined 0.9 and 0.7 percent, respectively, while poultry prices rose 0.3 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages fell 0.1 percent. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home increased 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.5 and 0.1 percent, respectively.*

*'The index for housing increased 0.2 percent in July, following a 0.3 percent rise in June. The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent, following an increase of 0.4 percent in June. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.3 percent; the index for owners' equivalent rent, 0.2 percent; and the index for lodging away from home, 0.8 percent. The index for household energy decreased 0.2 percent as a 1.7 percent decline in the index for natural gas more than offset an increase of 4.2 percent in the index for fuel oil. The index for electricity was virtually*

unchanged. The index for household furnishings and operations decreased 0.2 percent in July.

*'The transportation index declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in July -- reflecting another decline in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline, which fell 1.1 percent in June, declined 1.7 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices were 4.9 percent lower than their peak level recorded in May.) The index for new vehicles was virtually unchanged. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined for the sixth consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in July.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.7 percent. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have declined 1.1 percent and prices for used cars and trucks, 4.3 percent. The index for public transportation decreased 0.1 percent in July. The index for airline fares was virtually unchanged in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares advanced 1.1 percent.)*

*'The index for apparel, which had declined in each of the preceding four months, increased 0.4 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 3.2 percent, reflecting continued seasonal discounting of spring-summer clothing. Prices for women's and girls' apparel registered the largest decline-- down 6.1 percent.)*

*'Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in July. The index for medical care commodities -- prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.6 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.6 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.9 percent, respectively.*

*'The index for recreation declined 0.1 percent in July. Decreases in the indexes for video and audio and for toys -- down 0.5 and 1.4 percent, respectively -- more than offset increases in most other recreation categories.*

*'The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in July. Educational costs rose 0.5 percent while the index for communication was virtually unchanged. Within the former group, the indexes for college textbooks and for college tuition and fees rose 0.7 and 0.5 percent, respectively. Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.1 percent as a 0.6 percent increase in land-line local charges more than offset a 0.2 percent decline in land-line long distance charges. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for internet services and electronic information providers declined 1.0 and 0.2 percent, respectively.*

*'The index for other goods and services was virtually unchanged in July. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.3 percent and has increased 6.2 percent during the last 12 months. The index for miscellaneous personal services fell 0.2 percent, reflecting a 1.6 percent decrease in the index for financial services.*

#### **'CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)**

*'On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.1 percent in July.'*

In Europe, as is its wont, the key indices of the majority of the most-important bourses suffered as investors fretted about the situation in the US and how it was likely to impact on the economies of the European Union:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Minus 0.47 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 0.65 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX IndexPlus    0.28 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index              Minus 0.55 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Closed

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index      Plus      1.31 percent

As for crude-oil prices, they continued to creep up to higher levels on the world's commodity exchanges.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September was \$US73.33, up about 1.31 percent on Tuesday's closing level.

For delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.21, an increase of about 1.65 percent on Tuesday's last settlement.

In Asia, it was another rout on every equity market in the world's most-populous region.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both equity markets lost material ground.

The key index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, known as The Hang Seng Index, lost about 2.87 percent of its former value, dropping back to 21,375.72 points.

The Total Turnover continued to be on the low side, at about \$HK77.81 billion.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was extremely wide, at about 6.36:One.

The Ten Most Active counters, all losers, by the way, were:

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 1.48 percent to \$HK137.90 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code:  
2628)

Down 2.42 percent to \$HK30.20 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code:  
388)

Down 4.31 percent to \$HK120.00 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Down 2.66 percent to \$HK84.15 per share

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd  
(Code: 1398)

Down 3.39 percent to \$HK4.56 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Down 2.64 percent to \$HK10.32 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Down 3.44 percent to \$HK5.33 per share

China Petroleum and Chemical  
Corporation (Code: 386)

Down 3.82 percent to \$HK7.31 per share

Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China  
Ltd (Code: 2318)

Down 3.69 percent to \$HK61.40 per share

China Merchants Bank Company Ltd (Code:  
3968)

Down 2.84 percent to \$HK27.40 per share

As for the Main Board's biggest movers of the day, they included:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Increase (%)</b>	<b>Decrease (%)</b>	<b>Closing Price (\$HK)</b>
Asia Resources Holdings Ltd	899	14.81		0.62
Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Ltd	1049	16.19		1.22
eSun Holdings Ltd	571		11.37	4.60
Genesis Energy Holdings Ltd	702		14.66	0.495
HKC (Holdings) Ltd	190		11.68	1.89
Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Ltd	969	54.24		0.91
Incutech Investments Ltd	356	13.16		0.86
Kenfair International (Holdings) Ltd	223	29.03		1.20
LeRoi Holdings Ltd	221	10.29		0.75
MAE Holdings Ltd	851		12.59	1.18
Mei Ah Entertainment Group Ltd	391	10.68		1.14
New Century Group Hongkong Ltd	2944		16.67	0.30
New World Mobile Holdings Ltd	862		10.02	4.49
Opes Asia Development Ltd	810		16.00	1.05
Sun Innovation Holdings Ltd	547		10.67	2.01
Wah Nam International Holdings Ltd	159		11.82	0.485

On The Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Growth Enterprise Index shed about 1.71 percent of its former value, ending the day at 1,529.24 points.

The Total Turnover on this (speculative) equity market was about \$HK569.82 million.



As with the Main Board, the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was wide, at about 5.38:One.

The 5, most-active counters in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

MP Logistics International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8239)

Up 4.03 percent to \$HK1.29 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical  
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Up 3.41 percent to \$HK17.00 per share

Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8182)

Up 5.13 percent \$HK4.30 per share

Kanstar Environmental Paper Products Holdings  
Ltd (Code: 8011)

Down 3.08 percent to \$HK0.315 per share

Golden Meditech Company Ltd (Code: 8180)

Up 1.38 percent to \$HK3.67 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers of the day included:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Increase (%)</b>	<b>Decrease (%)</b>	<b>Closing Price (\$HK)</b>
Cardlink Technology Group Ltd	8066	12.05		0.93
Espco Technology Holdings Ltd	8299		12.00	0.88
Shenzhen EVOC Intelligent Technology Company Ltd	8285	12.75		2.30
Shanghai Fudan-Zhangjiang Bio- Pharmaceutical Company Ltd	8231		13.33	0.65
HC International Incorporated	8292	15.75		1.47
Neolink Cyber Technology (Holding) Ltd	8116		14.15	0.455
Powerleader Science and Technology Company Ltd	8236		11.76	0.60
Tianjin TEDA Biomedical Engineering Company Ltd	8189		11.11	0.32
Tiger Tech Holdings Ltd	8046		10.08	1.07

For Japanese investors, last Wednesday was a horror day on the country's 3 equity markets.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the premier equity market of the country, its TOPIX Index gave up 2.64 percent as investors pulled it down to 1,594.15 points.

The ratio of losers to gainers was 12.93:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average surrendered about 2.19 percent of its former value, slipping back to 16,475.61 yen.

#### News Wise

- **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Incorporated** and **Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Incorporated** have both announced that they have become victims of the problems, associated with the US subprime, mortgage-lending industry. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Incorporated announced unrealised losses of about ¥5 billion, as at July 31, 2007, and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Incorporated admitted that it had lost '*several billion yen*' for the quarter, ended June 30, 2007.

In other Asian equity markets, this was how the situation looked, last Wednesday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 2.87 percent to 21,375.72 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.71 percent to 1,529.24
Indonesia	Minus 6.44 percent to 2,029.08
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 2.64 percent to 1,594.15 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 2.19 percent to 16,475.61
Malaysia	Minus 2.83 percent to 1,251.82
The Philippines	Minus 4.08 percent to 3,130.34
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.06 percent to 4,869.88 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.38 percent to 1,326.12
Singapore	Minus 3.35 percent to 3,273.25
South Korea	Closed
Taiwan	Minus 3.57 percent to 8,593.04
Thailand	Minus 2.51 percent to 773.92

#### Thursday

Investors, around the world, were panic-stricken, last Thursday.

This was well-reflected in the closing numbers of the key indices of nearly every equity market, in the East as well as in the West, from Wellington, New Zealand, to Tokyo, Japan.

Had it not been for a surge of buying activity on The New York Stock Exchange in the final 45 minutes of trading, last Thursday, the indices of this, the world's largest equity market, may well have chalked up another huge loss.

As it was, the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the day with a gain of about 0.12 percent, limping up to 12,845.78 points after being in negative territory to the extent of more than 2.40 percent for most of the trading day.

As for The NASDAQ, its Composite Index finished up the day with a 0.32-percent gain at 2,451.07 points.

Clearly, day-traders were in the market, trying to make a turn on the sharp rises and falls in the prices of select stocks and shares, experienced during the day, while short-coverers tried to shore up their book positions.

The ratio of losers to gainers, however, told a better story of what had transpired, throughout the day, since declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of 1.60:One, exactly, while, on The NASDAQ, losers outran gainers by the ratio of about 1.25:One.

Throughout the day, it was reported that The US Federal Reserve had injected another \$US88 billion into the banking system, while the European Central Bank has pumped about €211 billion (about \$US283.20 billion) into the money markets of the European Union.

Talk about the cavalry, coming to the rescue!

#### News Wise

- **Countrywide Financial Ltd** announced that it had had to drawn down its entire credit line, amounting to about \$US11.50 billion. It took 40 banks in order to obtain the funding. The share price of Countrywide Financial Ltd fell by about 11 percent to \$US18.95 on the news. (Please see Wednesday's report)

In Europe, the key indices of the major bourses suffered the largest, single-day's falls in the previous 4 years.

Nobody was spared.

The general belief that the worldwide credit-crunch was upon investors was a clear realisation, as far as many brokers were concerned.

The following **TARGET** () table tells the tale:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 3.75 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 3.25 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 2.36 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 4.09 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Minus 3.45 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Minus 2.76 percent

On major international commodity markets, the price of crude oil fell, almost as dramatically as the key indices of nearly all equity markets of the world had fallen.

On The **New York Mercantile Exchange** (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US71.00, exactly, representing a fall of about 3.18 percent, compared with Wednesday's closing level.

As for October delivery, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US70.87, equivalent to a fall of about 3.19 percent on the last settlement of Wednesday.

In Asia, it was a scene of carnage on the region's equity markets, carnage that had not been seen for many a decade.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the volume of activity picked up – as investors, desperately, searched for available buyers of their shares – sometimes, at almost any price.

What investors coveted was liquidity since it appeared, clearly, that more losses were certain to come to the fore in the coming trading sessions.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, the Main Board, being the premier equity market of the territory, The Hang Seng Index shed 3.29 percent of its value, exactly, ending the day at 20,672.39 points.

The Total Turnover rose to \$HK104.94 billion.

Once again, the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was wide, at about 6.89:One.

The Ten Most actives, all being losers, once again, were:

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 5.30 percent to \$HK28.60 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Down 1.31 percent to \$HK136.10 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Down 3.92 percent to \$HK80.85 per share
Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)	Down 8.25 percent to \$HK110.10 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Down 5.25 percent to \$HK5.05 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Down 5.48 percent to \$HK4.31 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Down 3.49 percent to \$HK9.96 per share
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd (Code: 2318)	Down 3.58 percent to \$HK59.20 per share
China Communications Construction Company Ltd (Code: 1800)	Down 6.32 percent to \$HK14.52 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Down 6.30 percent to \$HK7.73 per share

There was a total of 194, double-digit movers on the Main Board, last Thursday, of which number, only 2 counter rose amid the forest of losers.

The counter that enjoyed the biggest gain of the day was Orient Resources Group Company Ltd (Code: 467), its share price, rising to \$HK2.45, representing a one-day improvement of about 39.20 percent.

Forefront Group Ltd (Code: 885) turned out to be the biggest drag on The Hang Seng Index, last Thursday, as investors pulled down its share price by 29.60 percent to 88 cents.

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its lone index suffered its biggest fall for a single day on record.

The Growth Enterprise Index shed about 7.17 percent, ending the day at 1,419.62 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK750.82 million.

Declining counters outpaced advancing ones by the ratio of about 16.33:One.

The 5, most-active counters in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

MP Logistics International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8239)

Down 8.53 percent to \$HK1.18 per share

Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8182)

Down 1.16 percent \$HK4.25 per share

IIN International Ltd (Code: 8128)

Down 45.74 percent \$HK0.255 per share

Century Sunshine Ecological  
Technology Holdings Ltd (Code: 8276)

Down 21.36 percent \$HK0.81 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical  
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Down 8.82 percent to \$HK15.50 per share

As for The GEM's double-digit movers of the day, they numbered 43 counters, in all – with no gainers!

The counter that lost the most was IIN International Ltd (Code: 8128) as investors pulled down its share price by 45.74 percent to 25.50 cents.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index surrendered about 1.67 percent of its former value, ending the trading day at 1,567.46 points.

Declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 7.13:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average gave up about 1.99 percent, dropping back to 16,148.49 yen.

And this was how things looked on other Asian equity markets, last Thursday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 3.29 percent to 20,672.39 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 7.17 percent to 1,419.62
Indonesia	Minus 5.94 percent to 1,908.64
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 1.67 percent to 1,567.46 Nikkei-225 Stock Average

	Minus 1.99 percent to 16,148.49
Malaysia	Minus 3.53 percent to 1,207.61
The Philippines	Minus 6.01 percent to 2,942.31
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 2.14 percent to 4,765.45 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.62 percent to 1,317.90
Singapore	Minus 3.70 percent to 3,152.16
South Korea	Minus 6.93 percent to 1,691.98
Taiwan	Minus 4.56 percent to 8,201.37
Thailand	Minus 3.00 percent to 750.69

## **Friday**

Before the equity markets of the United States of America opened their doors for business, last Friday, Dr Ben Bernanke and his merry men of the US Federal Reserve determined to get off their respective keisters and do something positive: The Fed cut the rate at which it lends money to US banks, the so-called Discount Rate.

The key indices of all of the US equity markets rose to the occasion with material gains as investors reasoned that The Fed had saved the day.

(In **TARGET's** opinion, however, The Fed could have obviated last Friday's desperation act if it had acted positively more than 2 months earlier)

The following is the verbatim copy of The Fed's statements, released early last Friday:

*'Financial market conditions have deteriorated, and tighter credit conditions and increased uncertainty have the potential to restrain economic growth going forward. In these circumstances, although recent data suggest that the economy has continued to expand at a moderate pace, the Federal Open Market Committee judges that the downside risks to growth have increased appreciably. The Committee is monitoring the situation and is prepared to act as needed to mitigate the adverse effects on the economy arising from the disruptions in financial markets ...*

*'To promote the restoration of orderly conditions in financial markets, the Federal Reserve Board approved temporary changes to its primary credit discount window facility. The Board approved a 50 basis point reduction in the primary credit rate to 5-3/4 percent, to narrow the spread between the primary credit rate and the Federal Open Market Committee's target federal funds rate to 50 basis points. The Board is also announcing a change to the Reserve Banks' usual practices to allow the provision of term financing for as long as 30 days, renewable by the borrower. These changes will remain in place until the Federal Reserve determines that market liquidity has improved materially. These changes are designed to provide depositories with greater assurance about the cost and availability of funding. The Federal Reserve will continue to accept a broad range of collateral for discount window loans, including home mortgages and related assets. Existing collateral margins will be maintained. In taking this action, the Board approved the requests submitted by the Boards of Directors of the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and San Francisco.'*

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.82 percent to 13,079.08 points while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gained 2.20 percent, ending the week's trading at 2,505.03 points.

Trading was very heavy, relative to the volume of activity during the earlier part of the week.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 7:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2:One on The NASDAQ.

While The Fed might well be considered slow off the mark, it, definitely, did put a halt to the rout of the previous fortnight.

The tally for the week for the largest and most-important equity markets of the world was:

The Dow Jones Industrial AverageMinus 1.21 percent

The NASDAQ's Composite IndexMinus 1.57 percent

On European equity markets, with the US cavalry, coming to the rescue, so to speak, investors in this part of the world appeared to take the view that the worst is now relegated to history.

(**TARGET** hastens to distance itself from this view because the root cause of that which ails the US economy has not ameliorated)

All of the key indices of major bourses in Europe made large jumps as investors tried to catch at least a one-day gain.

The following is **TARGET**'s list of the closing levels of the key indices of the major European bourses of last Friday:

Amsterdam's AEX Index Plus 2.45 percent

France's CAC 40 Index Plus 1.86 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX IndexPlus 1.48 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index Plus 3.50 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index Plus 1.49 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index Plus 1.43 percent

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the price of crude oil rose, recovering some of the losses of the early part of the week.

For delivery in September, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US71.98, representing an increase of about 1.38 percent, compared with Thursday's closing level.

As for October delivery, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US71.82, equivalent to a gain of about 1.34 percent on Thursday's last settlement.

In Asia, with investors, not knowing of the impending, interest-rate move by The Fed, it was business as usual – at least, usual for the equity markets of this part of the world, beset as they have been with the financial woes of the US.

Every key index of every major equity market was written in deep, red ink.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the 2 equity markets of the region lost heavily.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the key gauge to trading on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, gave up another 1.38 percent of its value, dropping back to 20,387.13 points.

The Total Turnover was \$HK115.88 billion.

Losing counters outpaced gaining ones by the ratio of about 3.05:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 3.50 percent to \$HK27.60 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Down 0.22 percent to \$HK135.80 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 0.19 percent to \$HK81.00 per share
Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)	Down 3.45 percent to \$HK106.30 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Down 3.37 percent to \$HK4.88 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Down 1.16 percent to \$HK4.26 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Down 5.29 percent to \$HK3.40 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Down 1.31 percent to \$HK9.83 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Down 2.59 percent to \$HK7.53 per share
China Communications Construction Company Ltd (Code: 1800)	Down 3.99 percent to \$HK13.94 per share

As for the Main Board's biggest movers of the day, there was a total of 159 counters, of which number, 152 counters shed 10 percent or more of their former values.

The biggest gainer of the 7 winners of the day was Sino Technology Investments Company Ltd (Code: 1217), the share price of which gained 87.30 percent to end the day at 59 cents.

The biggest loser of the day was Golden 21 Investment Holdings Ltd (Code: 2956) as investors drove down its share price by 33.91 percent to 23 cents.

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, the situation was a disaster area for investors, locked into stocks and shares, listed on this speculative marketplace.

The Growth Enterprise Index shed another 5.09 percent of its value, ending the trading day at 1,347.32 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK786.74 million.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 11.15:One.

The 5, most-active counters in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:



Shandong Weigao Group Medical  
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Down 0.90 percent to \$HK15.36 per share

China Railway Logistics Ltd (Code: 8089)

Down 1.09 percent \$HK10.92 per share

MP Logistics International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8239)

Down 9.32 percent to \$HK1.07 per share

Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8182)

Down 7.06 percent \$HK3.95 per share

Town Health International Holdings Company  
Ltd (Code: 8138)

Down 15.19 percent \$HK0.134 per share

As for The GEM's biggest movers of the day, there was a total of 50 counters whose share prices moved by 10 percent or more, with just one of their number, gaining ground.

The lone gainer was CCID Consulting Company Ltd (Code: 8235), its share price, rising 13.79 percent to end the day at 33 cents.

The biggest GEM loser of the day was Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd (Code: 8213), its share price, shedding 29.33 percent as investors pulled it down to 10.60 cents.

The tally for the week for Asia's second, most-important equity market was:

The Hang Seng Index Minus 6.45 percent  
The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 13.55 percent

On Asia's most-important equity market, there was no sashimi for dinner, last Friday night.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index shed 5.55 percent, falling back to 1,480.39 points.

Losing counters trounced gaining ones by the ratio of about 18.62:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average shed about 5.42 percent of its value, ending the day at 15,273.68 yen.

For Japanese investors, last Friday witnessed the biggest, single-day's decline in 7 years.

For Asia's largest equity market, the tally for the week was:

The TOPIX Index Minus 9.40 percent  
The Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 8.89 percent

And this was how things looked on other Asian equity markets, last Friday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 1.38 percent to 20,387.13 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 5.09 percent to 1,347.32
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 5.55 percent to 1,480.39 Nikkei-225 Stock Average

	Minus 5.42 percent to 15,273.68
Malaysia	Minus 1.33 percent to 1,191.55
The Philippines	Minus 1.97 percent to 2,884.34
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 2.28 percent to 4,656.57 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 1.57 percent to 1,297.21
Singapore	Minus 0.68 percent to 3,130.71
South Korea	Minus 3.19 percent to 1,638.07
Taiwan	Minus 1.35 percent to 8,090.29
Thailand	Plus 1.03 percent to 758.42

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