

**U.S. PRESIDENT BUSH HANDS OUT  
AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

**5-Year Moratorium On Select Mortgage Payments**

The US Government announced tentative plans, last Monday, to try to put a Band-Aid on parts of the mortgage industry in order to stem the tide of defaulters, leading to home repossessions.

Emergency measures, such as freezing interest rates on existing adjustable-rate mortgages, are being considered, but some opponents to the plan say that it is akin to the US Government, interfering in the affairs of private industry.

The question is: Where and when will the US Government stop its interference?

On Wall Street, share prices fell on a wide front.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 57.15 points, equivalent to about 0.43 percent, dropping back to 13,314.57 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gave up 23.83 points, or about 0.90 percent, ending the trading day at 2,637.13 points.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.40:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2:One on The NASDAQ.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in January 2008 came in at \$US89.31, an increase of about 0.68 percent, compared with the last settlement of Friday, November 30, 2007.

As for delivery in February 2008, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US89.04, representing an increase of about 0.88 percent on the final quote of the previous Friday.

In Europe, share prices fell in line with the consensus of investors that the economic situation in the US was poor, with the economic prospects for 2008, being even poorer.

Fund managers were heard to state that they will be liquidating part of their share portfolios in order to get into a more liquid position.

Translated, this would appear to indicate that these fund managers fully expect the key indices of major European bourses to fall to lower levels in the near future.

This was how the situation ended on major European bourses, last Monday night:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Minus 0.92 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 0.72 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index      Minus 0.42 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index              Minus 0.71 percent

Minus 0.35 percent

Minus 1.38 percent

News Wise

- **Unemployment** in the 13 countries, using the euro, fell to their lowest levels in October since 1999. Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, put the unemployment level at about 7.20 percent, down from September's figure of about 7.30 percent.

On Asian equity markets, last Monday, investors appeared to be hesitant as to which direction to go: Buy; sell; or, hold?

The problem was that there were as many financial positives as there were financial negatives on the economic horizons in this part of the world.

And, with the US Federal Reserve, just 7 days away from holding its Open Market Committee Meeting, at which time, the subject of the future direction of interest rates will be among the major topics of discussion, investors in the most-populous part of the world determined that, perhaps, doing nothing, or very little, was an acceptable policy to follow.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), both equity markets made gains, but those gains were tiny fractions.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 0.05 percent to 28,658.42 points on a Total Turnover of about \$HK110.80 billion.

Advancing counters beat off declining ones by the ratio of 1.05:One, exactly.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628) Up 1.06 percent to \$HK42.85 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.21 percent to \$HK140.70 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Down 0.27 percent to \$HK14.98 per share

Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (Code: 16)

Up 0.62 percent to \$HK162.20 per share

Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 1)

Up 2.60 percent to \$HK150.10 per share

China Petroleum and Chemical  
Corporation (Code: 386)

Down 0.68 percent to \$HK11.64 per share

China Communications Construction Company  
Ltd (Code: 1800)

Up 0.89 percent to \$HK22.75 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Unchanged at \$HK132.10 per share

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

Down 0.81 percent to \$HK6.11 per share

China Telecom Corporation Ltd (Code: 728)

Down 0.32 percent to \$HK6.18 per share

The Main Board'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>
Asian Union New Media (Group) Ltd	419	10.83		0.174
Berjaya Holdings (Hongkong) Ltd	288	16.95		0.69
China Elegance (Holdings) Ltd	476	10.14		2.28
China Energy Development Holdings Ltd	228	10.47		0.95
China Insurance International Holdings Company Ltd	966	10.05		23.00
China National Resources Development Holdings Ltd	661		13.16	0.99
China Oil and Gas Group Ltd	603	12.50		0.90
China Seven Star Shopping Ltd	245	10.71		0.31
Chung Tai Printing Holdings Ltd	55	12.73		0.248
COL Capital Ltd	383		10.69	5.85
Dream International Ltd	1126	10.34		0.32
Eagle Nice (International) Holdings Ltd	2368	14.12		1.94
Garron International Ltd	1226	12.24		1.10
Golden Resorts Group Ltd	1031		11.86	0.52
Galaxy Semi-Conductor Holdings Ltd	527	10.71		0.62
K.P.I. Company Ltd	605	10.64		0.52
Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Ltd	306	12.17		1.29
LeRoi Holdings Ltd	221	10.67		0.415
Lo's Enviro-Pro Holdings Ltd	309		10.71	1.25

Ming Hing Waterworks Holdings Ltd	402	15.71		0.81
Ngai Hing Hong Company Ltd	1047	10.19		1.19
Orient Resources Group Company Ltd	467		11.32	1.41
Peaktop International Holdings Ltd	925	10.26		0.43
Riche Multi-Media Holdings Ltd	764	19.92		0.295
Shougang Concord Century Holdings Ltd	103	11.82		1.23
Shun Cheong Holdings Ltd	650	39.53		1.80
Sino Katalytics Investment Corporation	2324	13.56		0.134
Sino Technology Investments Company Ltd	1217	12.64		0.205
TOM Group Ltd	2383	23.33		0.74
Winbox International (Holdings) Ltd	474	14.81		0.62
Wing Hong (Holdings) Ltd	2982	23.20		3.08
Yue Da Holdings Ltd	629	14.90		8.02

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index managed a gain of about one tenth of a percentage point, ending the day at 1,429.33 points.

The volume of activity on this market was about \$HK318.74 million.

Declining counters outraced advancing counters by the ratio of about 1.05:One.

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

China Railway Logistics Ltd (Code: 8089)      Up 0.38 percent to \$HK5.27 per share

Century Sunshine Ecological Technology Holdings  
Ltd (Code: 8276)      Up 6.98 percent to \$HK0.46 per share

Glory Future Group Ltd (Code: 8071)      Down 4.00 percent to \$HK0.36 per share

Inspur International Ltd (Code: 8141)      Up 23.31 percent to \$HK3.65 per share

Xteam Software International Ltd (Code: 8178)      Unchanged at \$HK0.75 per share

The GEM's biggest movers of the day included:

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Increase (%)</b>	<b>Decrease (%)</b>	<b>Closing Price (\$HK)</b>
BIG Media Group Ltd	8167		15.73	0.75
Cardlink Technology Group Ltd	8066	53.01		1.27
China Leason Investment Group Company Ltd	8270	10.00		0.99
Eco-Tek Holdings Ltd	8169	11.36		0.245
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048		11.76	0.15
Inspur International Ltd	8141	23.31		3.65
International Elite Ltd	8313	14.06		1.46
Shenzhen Neptunus Interlong Bio-technique Company Ltd	8329	48.76		1.80
Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd	8026		11.63	0.76
Qianlong Technology International Holdings Ltd	8015		21.24	0.89
Sungreen International Holdings Ltd	8306		11.76	1.50
SYSCAN Technology Holdings Ltd	8083	11.94		0.375
Techpacific Capital Ltd	8088	14.50		0.229
Venturepharm Laboratories Ltd	8225	16.43		1.63
WLS Holdings Ltd	8021	26.88		0.59

The situation in Japan on its equity markets was very similar to that of the HKSAR.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 0.02 percent to 1,532.16 points.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 1.49:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, which is a much narrower gauge of trading on select blue chips, listed on The First Section of The Tokyo Stock Exchange, than the TOPIX Index, fell back by 51.70 yen, or about one third of a percentage point, to end the trading day at 15,628.97 yen.

News Wise

- **Capital spending** by Japanese corporations, excluding financials and insurance companies, dropped by about 1.20 percent for the quarter, ended September 30, 2007, according to The Finance Ministry of Japan's Government. It was the second, quarterly drop in capital investment by *'Japan Incorporated'*.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.05 percent to 28,658.42 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.10 percent to 1,429.33
Indonesia	Plus 1.44 percent to 2,726.92
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.02 percent to 1,532.16 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 0.33 percent to 15,628.97
Malaysia	Plus 1.60 percent to 1,419.34
The Philippines	Plus 1.35 percent to 3,626.88
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.07 percent to 4,868.61 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 1.05 percent to 1,249.24
Singapore	Plus 0.01 percent to 3,521.56
South Korea	Minus 0.19 percent to 1,902.43
Taiwan	Minus 0.03 percent to 8,583.84
Thailand	Minus 1.81 percent to 831.12

## **Tuesday**

There could have been no doubt in anybody's mind that one of the happiest men on the planet, last Tuesday, was the President of Iran, Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

He, without question, must have been gloating after the US Government's National Intelligence Agency stated that Iran had stopped its programmes to produce nuclear weaponry, going back to 2003.

This determination, contained in this US Government's Estimate, tended to contradict earlier statements from US President George W. Bush, who had suggested that World War III was possible unless Iran halted

its nuclear programme, aimed at manufacturing nuclear weapons for use in mass destruction.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had, repeatedly, denied the accusations, stating that Iran's ambitions in respect of its nuclear programme were completely for peaceful purposes, such as the generation of electricity.

The release of the US Government's Estimate caused crude-oil prices to fall on the world's commodity exchanges.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), which is the largest commodity market in the world, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in January 2008 came in at \$US88.32, down about 1.11 percent, compared with the final quote of Monday.

During the trading day, however, the price of crude oil fell to a low of \$US87.34 per barrel of light sweet crude oil.

As for delivery in February 2008, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was about \$US88.11, off about 1.04 percent on the last settlement of Monday.

On Wall Street, it was another down day.

For the second, consecutive trading day, share prices drifted to lower levels as investors continued to worry about:

- (a) The US housing market crisis;
- (b) The credit crunch which was accompanying the crisis in the US housing market;
- (c) The downward direction of the US economy; and,
- (d) The abject weakness on international foreign exchanges of the US dollar.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 65.84 points, equivalent to about 0.49 percent, dropping back to 13,248.73 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gave up 17.30 points, or about 0.66 percent, ending the trading day at 2,619.83 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.80:One on both equity markets.

European investors followed the American counterparts on Wall Street, driving down the key indices of the major bourses to lower levels:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 1.06 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 1.46 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.36 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 1.11 percent
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Italy's MIBTEL Index	Minus 0.94 percent
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Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Minus 0.70 percent
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Banks were selected as being targets for investors' hit list because it seemed obvious that more problems were in store for this sector of industry, throughout the eurozone.

Losses on banking counters were widespread and very material.

In Asia, last Tuesday, the key indices of only 2 equity markets out of a total of 10 equity markets lost ground.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the premier equity market of the territory gained ground, but the speculative equity market, known as The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM), shed some of its fat.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 0.77 percent to 28,879.59 points on the reduced Total Turnover of about \$HK88.33 billion.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.08:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Down 0.67 percent to \$HK14.88 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 0.85 percent to \$HK141.90 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 1.52 percent to \$HK43.50 per share
Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (Code: 16)	Up 3.02 percent to \$HK167.10 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 0.15 percent to \$HK132.30 per share
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 1)	Up 1.27 percent to \$HK152.00 per share
China Telecom Corporation Ltd (Code: 728)	Up 2.59 percent to \$HK6.34 per share
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd (Code: 2318)	Up 1.03 percent to \$HK87.95 per share
China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Code: 386)	Up 0.17 percent to \$HK11.66 per share
Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)	Down 0.17 percent to \$HK237.20 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Chanco International Group Ltd	264		10.23	0.79



China Energy Development Holdings Ltd	228		10.53	0.85
China Fair Land Holdings Ltd	169	32.00		0.66
China Oil and Gas Group Ltd	603	14.44		1.03
Chung Tai Printing Holdings Ltd	55	31.05		0.325
Guangdong Tannery Ltd	1058	14.46		0.95
Hantec Investment Holdings Ltd	111	10.00		0.88
Honesty Treasure International Holdings Ltd	600	13.58		0.46
Jade Dynasty Group Ltd	970	25.00		0.60
Jiuzhou Development Company Ltd	908		10.26	0.70
Jolimark Holdings Ltd	2028		10.11	0.80
Magician Industries (Holdings) Ltd	526		13.04	0.60
Nam Fong International Holdings Ltd	1176	44.23		0.375
Neo-Neon Holdings Ltd	1868	15.08		7.25
Poly Investments Holdings Ltd	263	27.62		1.34
See Corporation Ltd	491	11.11		0.10
Shinhint Acoustic Link Holdings Ltd	2728	17.82		1.19
Silver Grant International Industries Ltd	171	18.71		1.84
Sino-Tech International Holdings Ltd	724	11.52		5.13
Sun Innovation Holdings Ltd	547	10.61		1.98
Tak Sing Alliance Holdings Ltd	126	18.89		2.14
Zhongtian International Ltd	2379		14.00	0.43

On The GEM, its Growth Enterprise Index fell back about 0.59 percent to end the trading day at 1,420.93 points.

As with the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its volume of activity dropped back: The

GEM's Total Turnover was about \$HK286.74 million.

Advancing counters just squeezed out declining counters by the smallest of margins: 1.02:One.

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

NetDragon Websoft Incorporated (Code: 8288) Down 3.56 percent to \$HK14.08 per share

Town Health International Holdings Company Ltd  
(Code: 8138) Up 3.03 percent to \$HK0.136 per share

Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd (Code:  
8182) Down 1.52 percent to \$HK2.59 per share

Inspur International Ltd (Code: 8141) Up 9.59 percent to \$HK4.00 per share

Midland IC and I Ltd (Code: 8090) Up 7.59 percent to \$HK0.085 per share

The GEM's biggest movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213	26.00		0.126
B.A.L. Holdings Ltd	8395	10.00		0.22
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048	20.00		0.18
Intelli-Media Group (Holdings) Ltd	8173		11.43	0.093
Mobile Telecom Network (Holdings) Ltd	8266		12.50	0.175
Prosperity International Holdings (Hongkong) Ltd	8139	14.58		2.75
Qianlong Technology International Holdings Ltd	8015	19.10		1.06
Sau San Tong Holdings Ltd	8200		10.61	0.16
T S Telecom Technologies Ltd	8003	25.00		0.30
Techpacific Capital Ltd	8088		11.79	0.202

In Japan, all of the country's 3 equity markets encountered headwinds, forcing down share prices, quite materially.

On the premier equity market of the country, The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index shed about 1.09 percent, falling to 1,515.50 points.

The ratio of losers to gainers on this market was about 4.45:One.

As for The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, it lost about 0.95 percent as investors forced it back to 15,480.19 yen.

#### News Wise

- **Bridgestone Corporation** announced that it would be closing down its plant in Mexico in the second half of 2008. The Mexican company is known as Bridgestone Firestone de Mexico S.A.

And this was how the situation looked on other Asian equity markets, last Tuesday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.77 percent to 28,879.59 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.59 percent to 1,420.93
Indonesia	Plus 0.95 percent to 2,752.94
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 1.09 percent to 1,515.50 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 0.95 percent to 15,480.19
Malaysia	Minus 0.25 percent to 1,415.81
The Philippines	Plus 0.48 percent to 3,644.45
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.97 percent to 4,915.89 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 0.96 percent to 1,261.27
Singapore	Plus 0.18 percent to 3,527.87
South Korea	Plus 0.81 percent to 1,917.83
Taiwan	Plus 0.79 percent to 8,651.28
Thailand	Plus 0.27 percent to 833.34

#### Wednesday

Crude oil prices continued to fall on international commodity exchanges, last Wednesday, in spite of OPEC

– The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries – deciding not to increase output.

At its meeting at Abu Dhabi, the international oil cartel members agreed that it was unnecessary to increase crude-oil output because there was a sufficiency of oil on the markets.

The next meeting of OPEC will be on February 1, 2008, when another review of the international oil situation will be considered.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in January 2008 was \$US87.49, down about 0.94 percent on the final quote of Tuesday.

As for February 2008 delivery, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US87.29, representing a fall of about 0.93 percent on Tuesday's last quote of the day.

On Wall Street, there was a bit of a bull market, taking shape, resulting in the key indices of the world's largest equity markets, making very material gains.

Just prior to Wall Street, opening its doors for business, last Wednesday, The Bureau of Labour Statistics brought out its revised figures for Productivity and Costs for the third quarter of 2007, ended October 30, 2007.

Productivity, defined, generally, as being output per man-hour of work, rose at an annualised pace of about 6.30 percent in the Third Quarter, The Bureau indicated.

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

***'PRODUCTIVITY AND COSTS  
Third Quarter 2007, revised***

*'The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor today reported revised productivity data — as measured by output per hour of all persons — for the third quarter of 2007. The seasonally adjusted annual rates of productivity growth in the third quarter were:*

*6.7 percent in the business sector and*

*6.3 percent in the nonfarm business sector.*

*'In both sectors, changes in productivity are higher than the preliminary estimates published November 7, and represent the largest productivity gains since the third quarter of 2003. The upward revisions to productivity resulted from upward revisions to output which grew 5.7 percent in both sectors — and small downward revisions to hours, which fell 1.0 percent in the business sector and 0.6 percent in the nonfarm business sector in the third quarter.*

*'In manufacturing, revised productivity increases in the third quarter were:*

*5.0 percent in manufacturing,*

*6.1 percent in durable goods manufacturing, and*

*4.3 percent in nondurable goods manufacturing.*

*'Productivity growth in the manufacturing sector was revised up, reflecting a small upward revision to output and a smaller downward revision to hours (table C). Output and hours in manufacturing, which includes about 12 percent of U.S. business sector employment, tend to vary more from quarter to quarter than data for the aggregate business and nonfarm business sectors. Third-quarter measures are summarized in table A and appear in detail in tables 1 through 5.*

*'The data sources and methods used in the preparation of the manufacturing series differ from those used in preparing the business and nonfarm business series, and these measures are not directly comparable. Output measures for business and nonfarm business are based on measures of gross domestic product prepared by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S.*

Department of Commerce. Quarterly output measures for manufacturing reflect indexes of industrial production independently prepared by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. See Technical Notes for further information on data sources ...

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## ***'Business***

*'Business sector productivity grew at an annual rate of 6.7 percent during the third quarter of 2007, the largest gain since a 9.1 percent increase in the third quarter of 2003 (seasonally adjusted annual rates). Output rose 5.7 percent, the largest increase since a 10.4 percent rise in the third quarter of 2003. Hours of all persons engaged in the sector fell 1.0 percent, the first decline in the series since the second quarter of 2003, when hours fell 2.2 percent. When the third quarter of 2007 is compared to the third quarter of 2006, productivity rose 2.9 percent. This is the largest four-quarter increase since output per hour grew 3.4 percent from the second quarter of 2003 to the second quarter of 2004.*

*'Hourly compensation in the business sector increased 4.7 percent during the third quarter of 2007. A downward revision reduced hourly compensation growth to 2.4 percent in the second quarter, lower than the 5.8 percent increase reported on November 7. From the third quarter of 2006 to the third quarter of 2007, hourly compensation increased 5.9 percent, the largest four-quarter gain since an increase of 6.7 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999 to the fourth quarter of 2000. Hourly compensation includes accrued wages and salaries, supplements, employer contributions to employee benefit plans, and taxes. Real hourly compensation, which takes into account changes in consumer prices, grew 2.7 percent in the third quarter and fell 3.3 percent in the second quarter.*

*'Unit labor costs fell 2.0 percent in the third quarter of 2007, a larger decline than previously reported, reflecting the upward revision to productivity and the downward revision to hourly compensation. In the second quarter, unit labor costs declined 1.1 percent, in contrast to the 2.2 percent increase reported on Nov. 7. The implicit price deflator for the business sector, which reflects changes both in unit labor costs and in unit nonlabor payments, grew 0.2 percent in the third quarter of 2007.*

## ***'Nonfarm business***

*'Output per hour of all persons in the nonfarm business sector rose 6.3 percent during the third quarter of 2007, the largest gain since a 10.4 percent increase in the third quarter of 2003. Output increased 5.7 percent and hours of all persons engaged in the sector declined 0.6 percent, as revised. Hours growth was the lowest since the second quarter of 2003, when hours fell 1.3 percent. In the second quarter of 2007, productivity had increased 2.2 percent, reflecting gains of 4.2 percent in output and 2.0 percent in hours.*

*'Hourly compensation in the nonfarm business sector rose 4.2 percent in the third quarter of 2007. After a downward revision, second-quarter hourly compensation increased 1.0 percent; lower than a 4.4 percent rise reported on November 7. From the third quarter of 2006 to the third quarter of 2007, hourly compensation increased 5.8 percent, the largest four-quarter gain since an increase of 6.5 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999 to the fourth quarter of 2000. When the rise in consumer prices is taken into account, real hourly compensation rose 2.3 percent in the third quarter of 2007 and fell 4.7 percent in the second quarter.*

*'As in the business sector, nonfarm business unit labor costs decreased 2.0 percent in the third quarter of 2007 due to the upward revision to productivity and the downward revision to hourly compensation. Nonfarm business unit labor costs also declined 1.1 percent in the second quarter. The implicit price deflator for the nonfarm business sector, which reflects changes both in unit labor costs and in unit nonlabor payments, edged down 0.1 percent in the third quarter of 2007.*

## ***'Manufacturing***

*'Productivity increased 5.0 percent in manufacturing in the third quarter of 2007, as output*

*increased 4.5 percent and hours of all persons decreased 0.5 percent (seasonally adjusted annual rates). When the third quarter of 2007 is compared with the third quarter of 2006, productivity increased 2.8 percent, less than during any four-quarter period since the period ending with the fourth quarter of 2004, when productivity also increased 2.8 percent. In durable goods industries, productivity increased 6.1 percent in the third quarter of 2007. Output grew 6.7 percent and hours rose 0.6 percent. Productivity grew more slowly in the nondurable goods industries, 4.3 percent, reflecting an increase of 1.9 percent in output and a decrease of 2.3 percent in hours...'*

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the trading session at 13,444.96 points, a one-day gain of 196.23 points, or about 1.48 percent.

On The NASDAQ, its Composite Index rose 46.53 points, equivalent to about 1.78 percent, coming to rest at 2,666.36 points by the close of the trading session.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 3.50:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 1.80:One on The NASDAQ.

#### News Wise

- **Bristol-Myers Squibb Company**, which employs about 43,000 workers, around the world, and operates 27, drug-manufacturing facilities, internationally, said that it would be eliminating about 10 percent of its workforce and closing down more than half of its facilities; and,
- **Dow Chemical Company** said that it would be cutting out about 1,000 of its 43,000 employees and shutting down plants in order to cut costs. Dow Chemical is one of the largest chemical companies in the US.

In Europe, there was no question of the main equity markets '*becoming*' bullish – because they, very clearly, were booming as the following **TARGET** () list indicates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	2.06 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	2.01 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.73 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	2.82 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	1.68 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	1.30 percent

As is its wont, Europe investors like to mirror the activity of Wall Street, more often than not, so that the gains in the key indices of the most-important European bourses were hardly a surprise.

In Asia, every key index of every equity market rose, with the lone exception of Thailand's markets, which were closed for a national holiday.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Hang Seng Index, which is the key gauge to trading in blue chips, listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, rose about 1.61 percent as investors pushed it to 29,345.45 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK114.78 billion.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 2.82:One.

The Ten Most Actives were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 2.11 percent to \$HK144.90 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Up 3.76 percent to \$HK15.44 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Down 0.76 percent to \$HK131.30 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 1.49 percent to \$HK44.15 per share
China Unicom Ltd (Code: 762)	Down 3.77 percent to \$HK16.34 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 4.43 percent to \$HK7.78 per share
China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Code: 386)	Up 4.29 percent to \$HK12.16 per share
Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (Code: 16)	Down 0.60 percent to \$HK166.10 per share
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 1)	Down 0.72 percent to \$HK150.90 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 2.30 percent to \$HK6.23 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Associated International Hotels Ltd	105	11.41		17.38
China Starch Holdings Ltd	3838	14.40		2.86
China Velocity Group Ltd	149	11.18		1.79
Far East Holdings International Ltd	36	29.52		2.15
Forefront Group Ltd	885		18.92	0.30
Freeman Corporation Ltd	279		27.14	0.051

Guo Xin Group Ltd	1215	43.08		0.186
Imagi International Holdings Ltd	585	16.31		1.64
Le Saunda Holdings Ltd	738	13.00		1.13
L.K. Technology Holdings Ltd	558	17.35		1.15
Long Far Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd	2898		13.37	1.75
Lung Cheong International Holdings Ltd	348		10.00	0.54
Magician Industries (Holdings) Ltd	526	11.67		0.67
MAXX Bioscience Holdings Ltd	512	14.12		0.485
Sinotrans Ltd	598	11.11		4.10
Solartech International Holdings Ltd	1166	11.76		0.57
Stelux Holdings International Ltd	84	11.43		0.78
Sunny Global Holdings Ltd	1094	11.69		0.43
Swank International Manufacturing Company Ltd	663	14.29		0.32

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index rose about 0.13 percent to end the day at 1,419.12 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK306.49 million.

Losers outpaced gainers by the ratio of 1.05:One, exactly.

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

Town Health International Holdings Company Ltd  
(Code: 8138) Up 3.68 percent to \$HK0.141 per share

Glory Future Group Ltd (Code: 8071) Down 1.43 percent to \$HK0.345 per share

International Financial Network Holdings Ltd  
(Code: 8123) Up 12.82 percent to \$HK0.88 per share

Inspur International Ltd (Code: 8141) Up 6.75 percent to \$HK4.27 per share

Xteam Software International Ltd (Code: 8178) Unchanged at \$HK0.78 per share



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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213	13.49		0.143
International Financial Network Holdings Ltd	8123	12.82		0.88
Linefan Technology Holdings Ltd	8166		13.19	1.25
Mobile Telecom Network (Holdings) Ltd	8266	20.00		0.21
Netel Technology (Holdings) Ltd	8256	11.36		0.245
Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd	8026	11.84		0.85
Tai Shing International (Holdings) Ltd	8103		10.00	0.63
Ningbo Yidong Electronic Company Ltd	8249	20.69		0.35

On Japan's 3 equity markets, the key indices rose smartly although the gains were hardly worth, writing home to mom.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index put on about 0.73 percent as investors shoved it up to 1,526.63 points.

Advancing counters outran declining ones by the ratio of about 1.73:One.

As for The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, it rose about 0.83 percent to end the trading day at 15,608.88 yen.

This was the way that things looked on other Asian equity markets, last Wednesday night:

The HKSA	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.61 percent to 29,345.45 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.13 percent to 1,419.12
Indonesia	Plus 0.55 percent to 2,768.06
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.73 percent to 1,526.63 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.83 percent to 15,608.88
Malaysia	Plus 0.84 percent to 1,427.77
The Philippines	Plus 0.12 percent to 3,648.71

The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 2.58 percent to 5,042.65 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 2.81 percent to 1,296.72
Singapore	Plus 0.91 percent to 3,560.05
South Korea	Plus 1.06 percent to 1,938.20
Taiwan	Plus 0.30 percent to 8,676.95
Thailand	Closed

### **Thursday**

The White House unleashed a plan to assist certain classes of US home-owners who are about to be financially strangled by higher interest rates.

Under the proposed plan, which is not aimed at assisting lenders and/or speculators who knew, at the outset of financial negotiations, that they would not be able to meet their future obligations, but to target existing home-owners who agreed, a few years ago, to accept adjustable-rate, subprime loans in order to finance their new homes, the interest rates of which are due to be adjusted to higher levels within months.

The plan, hammered out by the US Treasury Department, would freeze interest rates for the next 5 years.

The main points of the US Government's plan include:

1. Select home-owners may choose either (a) to freeze interest payments or, alternatively, (b) to refinance mortgage contracts at new, lower rates;
2. A mortgage hotline would be established in order to give free advice to home-owners;
3. Borrowers with good credit records would be given added flexibility to refinance existing mortgages;
4. The US Congress would be urged to increase funding for mortgage counseling; and,
5. The US Federal Reserve shall announce reforms in the mortgage regulations.

The fact that the US Government had stepped, in to play a part in the financial fray in order to try to curb the spate of foreclosures on homes in the US, suggests, definitively, that the current situation is nothing short of being desperate.

So bad is the US housing situation and the chaos in the subprime, mortgage-lending industry that it is threatening to push the largest and most-important economy of the world into recession.

The knock-on effect of a US economic recession would be felt in nearly every economy of the world.

For More About This Subject, Please Refer To:

**TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume IX, Number 232.**

Published On Friday, December 7, 2007, Headlined:

**'KEEP THE CASH AND LET THE CREDIT GO !  
STAND BY FOR THE CRUNCH IN 2008 !'**

On Wall Street, the bulls roared out of the starting pens.

It was as though Christmas had come early to the hallowed institutions of Wall Street.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 174.93 points, equivalent to about 1.30 percent, ending the day's trading session at 13,619.89 points.

The NASDAQ's Composite Index shot up 43.67 points, or about 1.60 percent, to 2,709.03 points.

The Dow Jones US Home Construction Index, which was off by about 52 percent from the start of the year, rose about 13 percent, its largest gain in the past 2 years.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 4:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 3:One on The NASDAQ.

In Europe, investors had known that the US Government was putting a financial finger in the country's leaking dyke, but there were other concerns in this part of the world.

Both the European Central Bank (ECB) of The Bank of England were holding interest-rate discussions, last Thursday, and until the full extent of such determinations had been made known, publicly, investors preferred to sit on the proverbial fence.

From the ECB came this official message:

*'At today's meeting the Governing Council of the ECB decided that the minimum bid rate on the main refinancing operations and the interest rates on the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility will remain unchanged at 4.00%, 5.00% and 3.00% respectively.'*

Then, from The Central Bank of the United Kingdom came this official message:

*'The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee today voted to reduce the official Bank Rate paid on commercial bank reserves by 0.25 percentage points to 5.5%.'*

*'Although output in the United Kingdom has expanded at a brisk pace for the past two years, there are now signs that growth has begun to slow. Forward-looking surveys of households and businesses suggest spending is moderating, broadly in line with the projections contained in the November Inflation Report. But conditions in financial markets have deteriorated and a tightening in the supply of credit to households and businesses is in train, posing downside risks to the outlook for both output and inflation further ahead.'*

*'CPI inflation was 2.1% in October. Higher energy and food prices are expected to keep inflation above the target in the short term. Although upside risks to inflation remain, which the Committee will continue to monitor carefully, slowing demand growth should ease the pressures on supply capacity, bringing inflation back to target in the medium term.'*

*'Against that background, the Committee judged that a decrease in Bank Rate of 0.25 percentage points to 5.5% was necessary to meet the 2% target for CPI inflation in the medium term.'*

For The Bank of England, the 0.25-percent cut in interest rates was the first reduction of the past few years.

This was how the key indices of the most-important bourses of the region ended, last Thursday night:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus 0.51 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus 0.25 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.05 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 0.12 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index

Minus 0.02 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index

Minus 0.18 percent

#### News Wise

- **The Royal Bank of Scotland plc** has warned that it fully expects to write off about £1.25 billion (about \$HK19.93 billion) in respect of bad and doubtful debts, brought about by the US subprime, mortgage-lending industry.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in January 2008 came in at \$US90.23, up about 3.13 percent on the final quote of Wednesday.

As for delivery in February 2008, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US89.94, representing a 3.04-percent gain on Wednesday's closing level.

With the exception of the equity market of Singapore, there were only gainers on Asia's stock markets, last Thursday.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key index of the premier equity market, known as the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, rose, fractionally, while, on The (speculative) Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its lone index shed a fraction.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the key gauge of trading on the Main Board, rose 213.47 points, or about 0.73 percent, ending the day at 29,558.92 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK125.14 billion, while the ratio of gainers to losers was 1.71:One, exactly.

The Ten Most Actives were:

China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Code: 386)

Up 3.78 percent to \$HK12.62 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.55 percent to \$HK145.70 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 1.75 percent to \$HK133.60 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 1.04 percent to \$HK15.60 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Up 1.13 percent to \$HK44.65 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Down 1.03 percent to \$HK7.70 per share

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

Up 0.96 percent to \$HK6.29 per share

China Shenhua Energy Company Ltd (Code: 1088)

Up 1.04 percent to \$HK48.60 per share

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

Up 1.90 percent to \$HK91.30 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 1.46 percent to \$HK4.18 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price(\$HK)
Alibaba.com Ltd	1688		11.56	32.90
Benefun International Holdings Ltd	1130	15.38		0.105
BEP International Holdings Ltd	2326	12.36		8.09

China Golden Development Holdings Ltd	162	14.49		0.79
Compass Pacific Holdings Ltd	1188		27.50	0.174
Daido Group Ltd	544	17.74		0.073
Dynamic Global Holdings Ltd	231	20.95		0.179
Easyknit Enterprises Holdings Ltd	616		17.24	0.072
Freeman Corporation Ltd	279		11.76	0.045
Joyce Boutique Holdings Ltd	647		14.29	0.30
K and P International Holdings Ltd	675	16.67		0.42
Lung Cheong International Holdings Ltd	348	24.07		0.67
Man Sang International Ltd	938	15.94		0.80
Natural Beauty Bio-Technology Ltd	157	10.33		2.35
Oriental Press Group Ltd	18	21.15		1.26
Sun Man Tai Holdings Company Ltd	433	13.51		0.084
SW Kingsway Capital Holdings Ltd	188	10.17		0.325
Tian Teck Land Ltd	266	10.61		7.30
Unity Investments Holdings Ltd	913	12.09		0.102

On The GEM, its Growth Enterprise Index fell back about 0.34 percent to 1,414.36 points on a Total Turnover of about \$HK325.28 million.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.18:One.

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

NetDragon Websoft Incorporated (Code: 8288)

Down 1.44 percent to \$HK13.70 per share

Richfield Group Holdings Ltd (Code: 8136)

Down 1.39 percent to \$HK0.355 per share

Inspur International Ltd (Code: 8141)

Up 6.32 percent to \$HK4.54 per share

Century Sunshine Ecological Technology Holdings Ltd (Code: 8276)

Unchanged at \$HK0.47 per share

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

Down 1.11 percent to \$HK17.80 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AKM Industrial Company Ltd	8298	28.00		0.32
Brilliant Arts Multi-Media Holding Ltd	8130	18.18		0.13
Computech Holdings Ltd	8081	11.11		0.50
Core Healthcare Investment Holdings Ltd	8250	11.11		1.00
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048		11.11	0.16
FAVA International Holdings Ltd	8108	10.61		1.46
New Chinese Medicine Holdings Ltd	8085	12.15		1.20
QUASAR Communication Technology Holdings Ltd	8171	17.19		0.375

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 1.68 percent, ending the trading session at 1,552.27 points.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 2.11:One.

As for The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, it put on about 1.70 percent as investors pushed it up to 15,874.08 yen.

This was how the situation looked on other Asian equity markets, last Thursday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.73 percent to 29,558.92 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.34 percent to 1,414.36
Indonesia	Plus 0.99 percent to 2,795.40
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.68 percent to 1,552.27 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.70 percent to 15,874.08
Malaysia	Plus 0.88 percent to 1,440.39
The Philippines	Plus 2.34 percent to 3,733.96
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.15 percent to 5,035.07 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 0.07 percent to 1,297.59
Singapore	Minus 0.21 percent to 3,552.55
South Korea	Plus 0.77 percent to 1,953.17
Taiwan	Plus 0.20 percent to 8,694.41

Thailand	Plus 1.42 percent to 845.19
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## Friday

Investor euphoria of last Thursday vanished as quickly as a summer storm, last Friday, on the world's largest equity markets.

In the main, investors were awaiting the determinations of the US Federal Reserve which is scheduled to hold its Open Market Committee Meeting tomorrow, at which time, a decision will be made as to the direction of interest rates.

Most investors were betting that there would be a cut of about 25 basis points, with the Wall Street gurus, fanning the speculative flames with noises, suggesting a 50 basis-point gain.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics brought out its employment statistics for the month of November, early last Friday.

The statistics proved that the additions to the September payroll were the weakest monthly gains in 42 months after The Bureau made a correction, which brought down previous figures from 96,000 jobs to 44,000 jobs, having been created in that month.

For the month of November, the number of jobs, created in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave, came in at 94,000.

(One wonders what will be the extent of that statistic)

The following is the verbatim statement of the Acting Commissioner of The Bureau, Mr Philip L. Ronces:

*'Nonfarm payroll employment continued to trend up in November (94,000), and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.7 percent. Job gains continued in professional and technical services, food services, and health care, while declines continued in industries affected by problems in the housing market, including construction and credit intermediation. Average hourly earnings increased by 8 cents, or 0.5 percent.'*

*'Professional and technical services employment was up by 24,000 in November, reflecting growth in computer systems design and in management and technical consulting. Employment in accounting and bookkeeping services and in architectural services also continued to grow over the month. Over the past 12 months, professional and technical services employment has increased by 312,000.'*

*'Food services employment continued to trend up (17,000) in November. Over the year, the industry has added 306,000 jobs.'*

*'Employment in health care grew less in November (15,000) than the average for the previous 12 months (34,000). Over the month, employment rose in physicians' offices (7,000) and in hospitals (8,000). Employment continued to trend up over the month in social assistance.'*

*'Retail trade employment edged up by 24,000 in November. On net, employment in the industry has shown essentially no change since the spring. Over the month, there were employment gains in clothing stores, health and personal care stores, electronics and appliance stores, and furniture and home furnishings stores. Partly offsetting these gains, general merchandise stores lost 11,000 jobs.'*

*'Construction employment fell by 24,000 in November and by 163,000 since peaking in September 2006. Reflecting difficulties in the housing market, job declines continued in the residential components of the construction industry. In contrast, employment in nonresidential specialty trades changed little in November, but the industry has added 48,000 jobs over the past 12 months.'*

*'Also reflecting weakness in the housing market and mortgage lending, employment in credit intermediation declined by 13,000 in November. The industry has lost 75,000 jobs since employment peaked in February. Real estate employment also declined in November.'*

*'Employment in manufacturing continued its downward trend in November (-11,000). Job losses continued in two industries closely tied to housing--wood products and nonmetallic mineral products (such as concrete and glass). In contrast, machinery manufacturing continued to add jobs (4,000). Average weekly hours of production workers in manufacturing edged up by 0.1 hour in November to 41.3 hours, and factory overtime was unchanged at 4.1 hours.'*

*'Average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers in the private nonfarm sector increased by 8 cents, or 0.5 percent, in November. This followed gains of 4 cents in September and 1 cent in October.'*

*'Looking at measures from our survey of households, the number of unemployed persons was 7.2 million in November, and the unemployment rate held at 4.7 percent. Total employment rose by 696,000. This measure, which can be more variable than the measure from our payroll survey, showed little growth, on net, from December 2006 to October 2007. The employment-population ratio rose by 0.3 percentage point in November to 63.0 percent; it was still down from its most recent peak of 63.4 percent in December 2006.'*

*'In summary, payroll employment growth continued in several service-providing industries in November. These gains continued to be partly offset by job losses in construction and other industries affected by the problems in home building and financing. The unemployment rate held at 4.7 percent.'*

On Wall Street, there was little change by the end of the trading day to the closing figures of Thursday.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the week at 13,625.58 points, a gain of about 0.04 percent, compared with Thursday's final tally.

As for the Composite Index of The NASDAQ, it ended the week at 2,706.16 points, down about 0.11 percent on the day.

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

The Dow Jones Industrial Average

Plus 1.90 percent

Plus 1.70 percent

This was how the situation looked on European bourses, last Friday night:

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.66 percent
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The Ten Most Active counters were:

\$HK7.36 per share\*

Up 2.32 percent to \$HK136.70 per share

Up 1.79 percent to \$HK15.88 per share

Down 2.33 percent to \$HK142.30 per share

Down 1.90 percent to \$HK43.80 per share

Up 0.93 percent to \$HK49.05 per share

Down 0.95 percent to \$HK6.23 per share

Down 1.44 percent to \$HK4.12 per share

Down 2.47 percent to \$HK7.51 per share

Down 1.74 percent to \$HK12.40 per share

\*First Day of Trading

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
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China High Speed Transmission Equipment Group Company Ltd	658		10.17	21.20
CATIC International Holdings Ltd	232	13.64		0.50
China Oil and Gas Group Ltd	603		10.00	0.90
China Strategic Holdings Ltd	235	19.35		0.74
China-Hongkong Photo Products Holdings Ltd	1123		13.33	0.78
City Telecom (Hongkong) Ltd	1137	10.00		2.42
Cosmopolitan International Holdings Ltd	120	10.34		0.64
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Sino Gas Group Ltd	260	12.50		0.27
Tai Ping Carpets International Ltd	146	10.22		2.05
Venture International Investment Holdings Ltd	61		13.83	0.405
Wo Kee Hong (Holdings) Ltd	720	11.94		0.75

On The **Growth Enterprise Market** (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its lone index, The Growth Enterprise Index, shed about 0.49 percent, ending the day at 1,407.39 points.

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
abc Multiactive Ltd	8131		13.40	0.42
AcrossAsia Ltd	8061		23.26	0.33
Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213		10.27	0.131
ePRO Ltd	8086	12.00		0.28
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048	11.25		0.178
Xi'an Haitian Antenna Technologies Company Ltd	8227	15.00		0.345
International Financial Network Holdings Ltd	8123		11.24	0.79
North Asia Strategic Holdings Ltd	8080		15.25	1.00
Polyard Petroleum International Group Ltd	8011		10.29	0.157
Richfield Group Holdings Ltd	8136		15.49	0.30
Soluteck Holdings Ltd	8111	10.61		0.365
T S Telecom Technologies Ltd	8003		12.07	0.255

The tally for the week for Asia's second-largest equity market was:

The Hang Seng Index Plus 0.69 percent

The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.44 percent

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gained about 0.61 percent to end the week's trading at 1,561.76 points.

Advancing counters led declining counters by the ratio of about 1.95:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose about 0.52 percent as investors nudged it up to 15,956.37 yen.

For Asia's largest and most-important equity market, the tally for the week was:

The TOPIX Index Plus 1.95 percent

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.76 percent

And this was how the situation looked on other Asian equity markets for the week, ended December 7, 2007:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 2.42 percent to 28,842.47 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.49 percent to 1,407.39
Indonesia	Minus 0.59 percent to 2,778.95
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.61 percent to 1,561.76 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.52 percent to 15,956.37
Malaysia	Minus 0.44 percent to 1,434.04
The Philippines	Plus 0.31 percent to 3,745.39
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 1.13 percent to 5,091.76 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 1.62 percent to 1,318.56
Singapore	Plus 0.15 percent to 3,557.95
South Korea	Minus 0.97 percent to 1,934.32
Taiwan	Plus 0.32 percent to 8,722.38
Thailand	Minus 0.45 percent to 841.39

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Due to the approach of the Christmas and New Year Holidays,  
this will be the last, international stock-market report for 2007.

The next report will be published on January 7, 2008.

TARGET takes this opportunity to wish all Subscribers and friends:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 2008 !**

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