



Asian Shares Show Mixed Results Following a Calm Day on Wall Street

Description

Asian markets had a mixed day on Wednesday, following a relatively steady performance on Wall Street. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 lost 1.5%, with Nintendo Co.'s share price dropping 5.2% after disappointing forecasts were announced. The yen weakened further against the U.S. dollar, prompting concerns among market players about its impact on the economy.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index and the Shanghai Composite index both shed 0.4%, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 remained stable. South Korea's Kospi index edged 0.1% higher, and Taiwan's Taiex was up 0.1%. In the U.S., the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made slight gains, while the Nasdaq composite slipped slightly. Kenvue saw a 6.4% rise in its stock price after beating analysts' forecasts.

On the other hand, The Walt Disney Co. experienced a 9.5% drop in its stock price despite reporting stronger results than expected. Investors seem cautious about the stock market's high valuations this year and are closely watching earnings reports.

In other news, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell hinted at the possibility of cutting interest rates, and U.S. benchmark crude oil prices fell slightly. Overall, market sentiment remains cautiously optimistic as investors assess economic indicators and corporate performance.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Mixed** // (adjective): Consisting of different or contrasting elements.
2. **Steady** // (adjective): Well-balanced or consistent.
3. **Forecasts** // (noun): Predictions or estimates about future events or trends.
4. **Weakened** // (verb): Made or become weaker.
5. **Concerns** // (noun): Worries or anxieties.
6. **Edged** // (verb): Moved slowly or cautiously in a particular direction.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe a sudden and large increase in something?
Option: Bearish
Option: Mixed
Option: Surge
Option: Steady
2. Which term best describes the ability to recover quickly from difficulties or challenges?
Option: Resilient
Option: Forecasts
Option: Apologies
Option: Contamination
3. What is the total value of a company's outstanding shares in the market known as?
Option: Concerns
Option: Market Capitalization
Option: Tariffs
Option: Bookings
4. Which word means to become less strong or powerful?
Option: Enhancing
Option: Weakened
Option: Manufacturing
Option: Stringent



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5. What are taxes imposed on imported goods known as?
Option: Bearish
Option: Tariffs
Option: Competitor
Option: Ambition
6. Which term refers to materials that have electrical conductivity between a conductor and an insulator?
Option: Forecasts
Option: Semiconductors
Option: Endorsed
Option: Safeguarding
7. What word describes the action of officially bringing back a product by the manufacturer?
Option: Recalled
Option: Uptrend
Option: Unveiled
Option: Competitor
8. What term is used to indicate worries or issues that cause unease?
Option: Manufacturing
Option: Foothold
Option: Mixed
Option: Concerns
9. What is the process of producing goods in a factory or workshop called?
Option: Manufacturing
Option: Vigilance
Option: Edged
Option: Enhancing
10. Who is a person company or organization that competes with others in the same area?
Option: Steady
Option: Recalled
Option: Competitor
Option: Ambition

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The company experienced _____ results in the last quarter with some areas performing well while others lagged behind.



12. The stock market has been showing a consistent _____ over the past few months.
13. The new safety regulations are much more _____ than the previous ones requiring strict compliance.
14. The hotel reported a significant increase in _____ for the upcoming holiday season.
15. The company is focused on _____ its customer service to improve satisfaction levels.
16. The financial analyst provided optimistic _____ for the company's performance in the next quarter.
17. The celebrity _____ the new product claiming it was the best in the market.
18. The company is focused on _____ its intellectual property to prevent unauthorized use.
19. The small business established a _____ in the market slowly gaining customers and recognition.
20. The young entrepreneur had great _____ aiming to build a multinational corporation from scratch.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Investors are feeling optimistic about the stock market leading to a trend.
22. The company's revenue has been showing a consistent and predictable growth pattern indicating a performance.
23. The industry is facing a situation of having more production capacity than needed resulting in issues.
24. Constant monitoring and alertness are required to detect and prevent any potential risks demonstrating the need for .
25. Opinions among analysts are with some predicting growth and others expressing concerns.



26. The company's market share slightly indicating a minor but noticeable increase.
27. The company officially presented its new product line at the trade show where it the latest technological advancements.
28. The food product was recalled due to potential with harmful bacteria posing a health risk to consumers.
29. The CEO issued public for the company's failure to deliver on its promises to customers.
30. The government imposed on imported goods in an effort to protect local industries.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Surge 2. Resilient 3. Market Capitalization 4. Weakened 5. Tariffs 6. Semiconductors 7. Recalled 8. Concerns 9. Manufacturing 10. Competitor

Gap-Fill: 11. Mixed 12. Uptrend 13. Stringent 14. Bookings 15. Enhancing 16. Forecasts 17. Endorsed 18. Safeguarding 19. Foothold 20. Ambition

Matching sentence: 1. Bullish 2. Steady 3. Overcapacity 4. Vigilance 5. Mixed 6. Edged 7. Unveiled 8. Contamination 9. Apologies 10. Tariffs

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