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# Asian stocks decline following China's weak GDP report and aftermath of Trump shooting

## Description

Asian stocks saw a dip on Monday due to disappointing economic growth in China and uncertainty over U.S. politics after an attempted assassination on former President Donald Trump. Trading volumes were low due to a Japanese market holiday, but Wall Street's positive lead-in on Friday helped limit losses in Asian markets. Chinese markets were flat, with Hong Kong sliding on weak GDP growth. Concerns over slowing economic growth and high unemployment in China impacted consumer spending. Australia's ASX 200 outperformed, reaching record highs driven by banks and mining stocks. Investors were attracted to Australia due to its lower tech weightage and potential for lower interest rates. Overall, investors are cautiously watching for signals on stimulus from the Third Plenum of the Chinese Communist Party.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Disappointing** /,dɪs.ə'pɔɪn.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Failing to meet expectations or hope.
2. **Uncertainty** /ʌn'sɜːr.tənti/ (noun): The state of being unsure or having doubt.
3. **Volatility** /,vɒl.ə'tɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being subject to frequent change or variation.
4. **GDP** /,dʒiː.di:'piː/ (noun): Gross Domestic Product; the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country during one year.
5. **Stimulus** /'stɪm.jə.ləs/ (noun): Something that incites to action or exertion.
6. **Plenum** /'plɛnəm/ (noun): A meeting of all members of a group typically for discussion or decision-making.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What were the reasons for the dip in Asian stocks on Monday?

Option: Disappointing economic growth in China and uncertainty over U.S. politics

Option: High consumer spending in China

Option: A Japanese market holiday and positive Wall Street lead-in

Option: Positive GDP growth in Hong Kong



2. Which market had flat performance while Hong Kong slid on weak GDP growth?

- Option: Chinese markets
- Option: Japanese markets
- Option: Australian markets
- Option: Wall Street

3. What drove Australia's ASX 200 to reach record highs?

- Option: Banks and mining stocks
- Option: Tech companies
- Option: Real estate investments
- Option: Government stimulus

4. What factor attracted investors to Australia?

- Option: Lower tech weightage and potential for lower interest rates
- Option: Political stability
- Option: High consumer spending
- Option: Rising inflation rates

5. What are investors cautiously watching for signals on?

- Option: Stimulus from the Third Plenum of the Chinese Communist Party
- Option: Interest rate changes in the U.S.
- Option: Oil market fluctuations
- Option: Cryptocurrency trends

6. Which country saw low trading volumes due to a market holiday?

- Option: Japan
- Option: China
- Option: Australia
- Option: United States

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Disappointing economic growth in China and uncertainty over U.S. politics 2. Chinese markets 3. Banks and mining stocks 4. Lower tech weightage and potential for lower interest rates 5. Stimulus from the Third Plenum of the Chinese Communist Party 6. Japan

## Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What can cause frustration and interruptions in a project?  
Option: A. Overstaffing  
Option: B. Rushed deadlines  
Option: C. Delays  
Option: D. Donating
  
2. Which technological component is essential for modern electronics?  
Option: A. Railroad  
Option: B. Semiconductor  
Option: C. Trading volumes  
Option: D. Transparency
  
3. Which financial metric represents the profit from a company's core business operations?  
Option: A. Assassination  
Option: B. Operating profit  
Option: C. Revenue  
Option: D. Uncertainty
  
4. What process involves changing the organizational setup of a company?  
Option: A. Cancellation  
Option: B. Transparency  
Option: C. Restructuring  
Option: D. Corridor
  
5. Which term describes the ability of a business to make a profit?  
Option: A. Commitment  
Option: B. Profitability  
Option: C. Dip  
Option: D. Market holiday
  
6. What is the total income generated by a company before expenses?  
Option: A. Commitment  
Option: B. Revenue  
Option: C. Disappointing  
Option: D. Activism
  
7. Which term refers to approximations or predictions about future outcomes?  
Option: A. Trading volumes  
Option: B. Estimates  
Option: C. Assassination



Option: D. Collaboration

8. What action is taken when an event or arrangement is called off?

Option: A. Corridor

Option: B. Cancellation

Option: C. Rushed

Option: D. Operating profit

9. What term best describes a situation that causes trouble or difficulty?

Option: A. Inconvenience

Option: B. Redirect

Option: C. Outlook

Option: D. Transparency

10. What word is used to convey a lack of predictability or assurance?

Option: A. Donating

Option: B. Uncertainty

Option: C. Emphasized

Option: D. Market holiday

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

11. Effective teams often \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve common goals.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company. can lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company. an lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company. an lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company. an lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company. an lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company.

13. Many charitable organizations rely on public \_\_\_\_\_ to support their causes.

14. A \_\_\_\_\_ decision often results in errors and oversights.

15. Businesses that prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ tend to build trust with their stakeholders.

16. The plot to carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the political leader was discovered in advance.

17. Trading is closed during a \_\_\_\_\_ to observe a market-specific break.



18. The employees gathered in the \_\_\_\_\_ for the impromptu meeting.
19. The results of the project were \_\_\_\_\_ considering the effort invested.
20. A sudden \_\_\_\_\_ in sales can impact a company's revenue projections.

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

21. A project manager must address to maintain workflow momentum.
22. Success often hinges on the level of individuals show towards a shared goal.
23. Modern cities require robust to support their growing populations.
24. plays a significant role in advocating for social change.
25. To adapt to market demands companies may undergo to enhance efficiency.
26. Customers unsatisfied with the product may seek a for their purchase.
27. Economic downturns can bring about increased in financial markets.
28. High may indicate strong market activity.
29. A positive can influence investor confidence in a company.
30. Enhancing operational efficiency is key to achieving sustainable .

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C. Delays 2. B. Semiconductor 3. B. Operating profit 4. C. Restructuring 5. B. Profitability 6. B. Revenue 7. B. Estimates 8. B. Cancellation 9. A. Inconvenience 10. B. Uncertainty

**Gap-Fill:** 11. collaborate 12. Overstaffing 13. donations 14. rushed 15. transparency 16. assassination 17. market holiday 18. corridor 19. disappointing 20. dip

**Matching sentence:** 1. Interruptions 2. Commitment 3. Infrastructures 4. Activism 5. Restructuring 6. Refund 7. Uncertainty 8. Trading volumes 9. Outlook 10. Profitability

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