



US & Asia Stocks Plummet amid Economic Slowdown Fears

Description

Asian share markets fell after the US experienced a sell-off, possibly due to President Donald Trump's comments on the impact of tariffs on the economy. Trump mentioned a "period of transition" for the US economy, which raised concerns about a potential recession. While Trump's top officials tried to reassure investors, market sentiment remained negative.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 dropped by 2.3%, while South Korea's Kospi and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index also saw declines. In the US, the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 2.7% and 2% respectively, with the Nasdaq plummeting by 4%.

Tech stocks like Tesla and Nvidia were hit hard, with shares tumbling significantly. The uncertainty surrounding Trump's tariff policies caused market instability, leading traders to adopt a defensive approach.

Despite Trump's optimism about bringing wealth back to America, investors worry that tariffs could lead to inflation and hinder economic growth. The recent market downturn reflects a shift in investor expectations, with concerns about a potential trade war impacting businesses and households.

While some economic advisers like Kevin Hassett remain bullish about the US economy, others point to signs of slowing spending due to uncertainty. Trump's reliance on tariffs as a tool for economic growth has sparked debate among experts about the long-term implications for the economy.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Recession** /rɪˈseɪ.ən/ (noun): A period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced.
2. **Sentiment** /ˈsentɪmənt/ (noun): A view or opinion that is held or expressed.
3. **Tariffs** /ˈtær.ɪf/ (noun): A tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.
4. **Volatility** /ˌvɒl.əˈtɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The ability of a commodity or an investment to increase or decrease in value rapidly.
5. **Bullish** /ˈbʊl.ɪʃ/ (adjective): Having a positive outlook or optimistic approach towards financial markets.
6. **Inflation** /ɪnˈfleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.

Vocabulary quizzes

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



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1. What is a general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money?
Option: A. Deflation
Option: B. Stagnation
Option: C. Inflation
Option: D. Recession
 2. Who is the final user of goods and services produced?
Option: A. Manufacturer
Option: B. Investor
Option: C. Regulator
Option: D. Consumer
 3. What is a significant decline in economic activity lasting longer than a few months?
Option: A. Expansion
Option: B. Inflation
Option: C. Recession
Option: D. Growth
 4. What term is used to describe an investor sentiment that the market will rise?
Option: A. Bearish
Option: B. Volatility
Option: C. Neutral
Option: D. Bullish
 5. What are taxes or duties to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports?
Option: A. Subsidies
Option: B. Savings
Option: C. Tariffs
Option: D. Exports
 6. Which term refers to the genuine original nature of something?
Option: A. Forgery
Option: B. Artificiality
Option: C. Authenticity
Option: D. Impersonation
 7. Who are individuals who start and operate a business taking on financial risk to do so?
Option: A. Employees
Option: B. Entrepreneurs
Option: C. Investors
Option: D. Suppliers



8. What is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles?

- Option: A. Deception
- Option: B. Integrity
- Option: C. Dishonesty
- Option: D. Corruption

9. What is the period during and after pregnancy for a woman?

- Option: A. Adolescence
- Option: B. Infancy
- Option: C. Old age
- Option: D. Maternity

10. What is the process of inheriting a title office or other position?

- Option: A. Promotion
- Option: B. Demotion
- Option: C. Succession
- Option: D. Displacement

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

11. Statisticians analyze and interpret data to assist businesses in making _____.

12. Establishing a daily _____ can help improve productivity and time management.

13. Practicing mindfulness can enhance _____ and focus.

14. An _____ monopoly is one created or enforced by a government.

15. Mediation is often used to resolve legal _____ outside of court.

16. Digital artists often use _____ techniques to protect their work from plagiarism.

17. It is essential to have a properly _____ task list to ensure important deadlines are met first.

18. He has an outstanding _____ ability excelling in both math and creative writing.

19. After a good night's sleep she woke up feeling _____ and ready to tackle the day.



20. Regular exercise and a balanced diet can contribute to a longer _____.

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

21. The ultimate user of goods and services in the economic system.
22. The general feeling or attitude of investors towards a particular market.
23. The degree of variation in trading price series over time.
24. A significant decline in economic activity lasting longer than a few months.
25. The practice of focusing one's attention on the present moment.
26. A set of actions or behaviors followed routinely often with symbolic meaning.
27. General direction in which something is developing or changing.
28. Taxes or duties to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.
29. The quality of being genuine and original.
30. The process of inheriting a title office or other position.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Inflation 2. D. Consumer 3. C. Recession 4. D. Bullish 5. C. Tariffs 6. C. Authenticity 7. B. Entrepreneurs 8. B. Integrity 9. D. Maternity 10. C. Succession

Gap-Fill: 11. predictions 12. routine 13. concentration 14. artificial 15. disputes 16. watermarking 17. prioritized 18. intellectual 19. energized 20. longevity

Matching sentence: 1. Consumer 2. Sentiment 3. Volatility 4. Recession 5. Mindfulness 6. Ritual 7. Trends 8. Tariffs 9. Authenticity 10. Succession

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