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Daily review of economic news of Uzbekistan

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Equity Indexes

29-Jan-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
DJIA	10,120	-115.7	-1.1%
S&P 500	1,085	-13.0	-1.2%
NASDAQ	2,179	-42.4	-1.9%
FTSE 100	5,184	37.8	0.7%
NIKKEI 225	10,198	-216.3	-2.1%
Rus. MICEX	1,397	-9.8	-0.7%
Rus. RTS	1,453	-8.5	-0.6%
Ukr. Eq. Index	1,669	-12.3	-0.7%
Kazak. KASE	1,839	-23.7	-1.3%
Uzbek. TASIX	75	0.00	0.0%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Commodity Futures

29-Jan-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
Oil Brent Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	72.14	0.01	0.01%
Oil WTI Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	73.61	-0.03	-0.04%
Gas Natural Futr (USD/MMBtu)	5.22	0.08	1.62%
Cotton No.2 Futr (USD/lb)	69.30	0.16	0.23%
Gold 100 oz Futr (USD/t oz.)	1,085.20	0.40	0.04%
Silver Futr (USD/t oz.)	16.28	0.06	0.39%
Copper Futr (USD/lb)	311.85	2.05	0.66%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Exchange rate

29 Jan 2010	UZS
USD	1524.03
EUR	2232.7
GBP	2484.32
JPY	1691.5
RUR	51.24

Source: CB UZ

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Uzbekistan to cut number of personnel at state bodies by 12%

President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov signed a resolution "On measures on further improving of the structure and optimizing number of management personnel at state and economic entities" on 12 January 2010.

The resolution was adopted for further improving structure and increasing efficiency of the activities of the state bodies and economic entities in line with modern requirements of market methods of management, optimization number of management personnel and decreasing expenses for their support.

The document set maximum number of management personnel at state and economic entities, their enterprises, establishments and organizations from 1 March 2010.

In line with the resolution, number of management personnel at state and economic entities will be cut by 9,224 units or 12% and their number will make up 69,230 units.

Besides, it is planned to decrease number of deputy heads, including the first deputies, of the state and economic entities from 53 to 31 units.

Ministry of labour and social welfare in cooperation with state establishments was entrusted to assist fired people to find new jobs.

Source: UzDaily.com

Current account balance surplus reaches US\$2.3bn in 2009

Current account balance surplus of Uzbekistan reached US\$2.3 billion in 2009, the Uzbek President Islam Karimov stated on Wednesday, 27 January 2010 at the joint session of the Legislative Chamber and Senate of Oliy Majlis

The economy of the country grew by 8.1% and industrial output by 9% in 2009. Total investments rose by 26%, including foreign investments by 68%, in the reporting period.

There was a 40% growth of average salaries and 26.5% of real incomes .

Source: UzDaily.com

Macro Data Uzbekistan	2008	2009	2010*
Real GDP (current bln USD)	27.9	29.9	35,8
GDP growth rate	9%	7%	7%
CPI (year average)	12.7	12.5	9,5
Current account (bln USD)	3.56	2.20	2.30
Current account (% of GDP)	12.8	7.4	6.41
Exchange rate (year average)	1,323	1,469	1,544
CBUz refinancing rate	0.14	0.14	0.14
Population, mln	28	28	29
Unemployment, %	0.3	0.3	0.3

*Source: Uz. State Committee, IMF, *OCM Estimates*

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Uzbekneftegaz implements new project at Shurtanneftegaz

Uzbekneftegaz national holding company will implement a project on increasing production of liquefied gas at Shurtanneftegaz unitary subsidiary enterprise with the total investment of US\$97.5 million.

In line with the feasibility study, the project envisages construction of fifth and sixth line of propane-butane mixture production facilities with the capacity of 6 billion cubic meters of natural gas a year and additional production of 100,000 tonnes of liquefied gas a year.

The project will be financed with own resources of Uzbekneftegaz (US\$47.5 million) and a loan of the Fund for Reconstruction and Development (US\$50 million). It is planned to complete modernization by 2012. The installation of facilities will be started in the first half of 2010.

Source: UzDaily.com

CBU introduces amendments to regulation on requirements to capital adequacy of commercial banks

Central Bank of Uzbekistan (CBU) adopted a resolution "On introduction of amendments to regulation on requirements to capital adequacy of commercial banks".

In line with the document, commercial banks cannot pay (announce) dividends if their charter capital was not fully formed, except increasing charter capital via additional emission.

The banks also cannot pay dividends if the bank has insolvency (bankruptcy) signs or in case they appear after dividend payment.

Banks cannot pay dividends if their net assets less than sum of its charter and reserve capital or economic norms, set by the CBU, are violated. It is also not allowed to pay dividends if the payment violates these norms, which can threaten interests of depositors and creditors.

In line with amendments, Central Bank also can request commercial banks to stop payment of dividends.

Source: UzDaily.com

Shurtanneftegaz, located in Guzar of Kashakdarya region) uses seven oil and four gas condensate fields. The gas is supplied to the enterprise from Shurtan gas condensate field, one of the largest in Uzbekistan. Annually, it is extracted 15 billion cubic meters of natural gas, which comprises of 35% of Uzbekistan's total production.

In 2001, Shurtan Gas-Chemical Complex with the cost of US\$985 million was commissioned. The designed capacity of the enterprise is 125,000 tonnes of polyethylene, 137,000 tonnes of liquefied gas and 130,000 tonnes instable condensate a year.

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Kapitalbank's assets reach 403.04 mln UZS

Assets of Kapitalbank open joint stock commercial bank rose by 1.75 times to 403.04 million soums at the end of 2009. The loan portfolio rose to 151.473 billion soums and aggregate capital grew twice to 42.022 billion soums as of 1 January 2010.

Deposits of individuals increased by 1.58 times to 75.75 million soums. The clientele base is 767,000 legal entities and individuals. Kapitalbank carried out work on expansion of its network. Currently, it has 8 branches, operational management and 39 mini-banks, working in Tashkent city and four regional centers of Uzbekistan.

Source: UzDaily.com

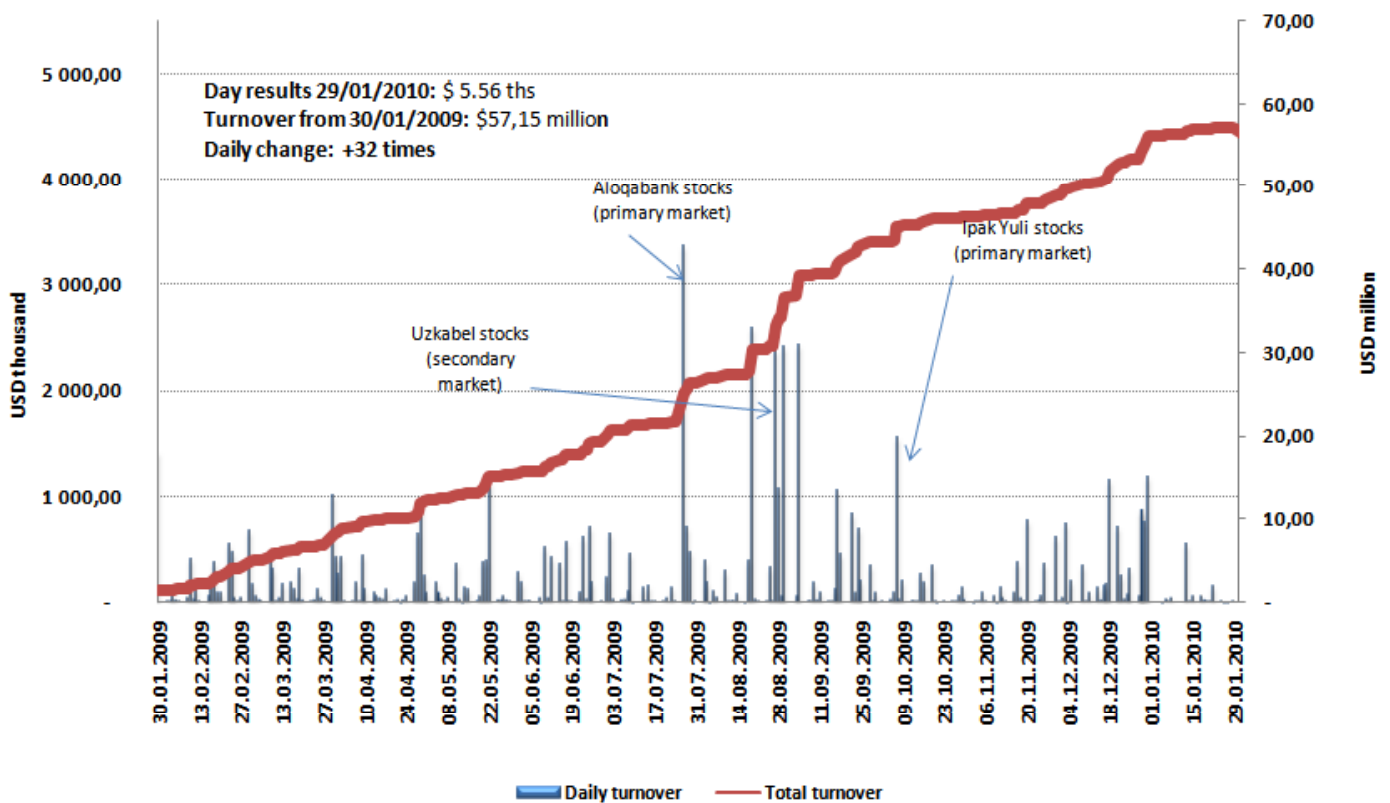
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RSE "Toshkent" review

	Issuer	Number of transactions	Turnover (\$)	Industry
1	"7-хужалик автотранспорт»	1	2,9	Transportation service
2	"MAXSUSENERGOGAZ"	7	2,7	Power sector
	Total	8	5,6	

On January 29, 2010, 2 companies were traded, with total turnover of 5.6 thousand USD on RSE Tashkent. We could observe a 32 times increase in total turnover, compared with January 27.

52 weeks turnover



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TOP10 issuers by turnover in 2010

	Issuer	Stock Turnover (\$)
1	Turon bank	341,49
2	OTEL SAYOHAT	176,40
3	Kapital sugurta	115,60
4	O'ZOG''IRSANOATLOYIHA	57,00
5	Qishliq qurilish bank	39,55
6	ALLIANCE-LEASING	31,56
7	Qizilkumcement	30,38
8	O'ZBEKKO'MIR	29,82
9	Quvasoycement	28,08
10	Ipak Yuli	18,23

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Investment calendar

Date	Event	Comment
27.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Mehnatobod MTP»	
30.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Bogot-don»	
30.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Shovotdonmahsulotlari»	
04.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Peshky pahta tozalash»	
05.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Hatirchi MTP»	
06.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Sarvat-Invest»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Chorsu dehqon bozori»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uzbek Republican Currency Exchange»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of CJSC «Stroygorod»	
12.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Ravnak-bank»	
12.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Kichintoy»	
13.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Gala Osiyo MTP»	
15.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uzagrosygyrta»	
15.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of OJSPB «Alp Jamol» Bank	Changes in organization charter
17.02.2010	Annual general shareholders meeting of JSC «Quqonmash»	Annual Financial Results
19.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «UzRTSB»	Changes in charter capital
19.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uktambank»	Changes in organization charter
24.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Santehyigish»	Reorganization into LLC.

Dividends

Company	Share	Dividends (UZS)	Face value	Ex-dividend date
JSC «Invest Finance Bank»	Common	125	1000	10.12.2009
JSC «Asaka»	Common	4065,69	50000	11.12.2009
JSC «Andijon nashiyot-matbaa»	Common	50	1000	12.11.2009
	Preferred	1000	1000	12.11.2009
JSC «Qzneftgazdobicha»	Common	7	1000	14.11.2009
	Preferred	250	1000	14.11.2009
JSC «Matbuot tarkatuvchi»	Common	325,5	288	16.12.2009
JSC «Qurilishtrans»	Common	500	835	17.11.2009
JSC «Trastbank»	Common	650	1000	17.12.2009
JSC «Yuktrans»	Common	4330,0	5000	20.11.2009
JSC «Kapitalbank»	Common	10000	10000	21.11.2009
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JSC «O'zavtotexxizmat»	Common	216000	135000	23.11.2009
JSC «Kvarc»	Common	41316,0	2310	24.11.2009
JSC «Qishlokhujalikime»	Common	196	1000	26.11.2009
JSC «Ozodlik»	Preferred	40	200	26.12.2009
JSC «Avtotexxizmat»	Common	10000	11000	27.11.2009
JSC «Sergeli-avtotexservis»	Common	20000	25000	28.11.2009
JSC «Ygazstroy»	Common	3250	5000	30.11.2009
JSC «Buxoroavtotexxizmat»	Common	6000	6000	30.11.2009
	Preferred	6000	6000	30.11.2009
JSC «Alokabank»	Preferred	20	100	30.11.2009
JSC «Buxoroneftgazsuvqurilish»	Common	20500	95000	30.11.2009

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