

Japan Market Outlook - 25 August 2021

Japanese stocks climbed on Tuesday, with SoftBank Group and chip-related stocks leading the way, along with the energy and transportation sectors.

The Nikkei share average had risen 1.13 percent to 27,803.83, while the wider Topix had risen 1.1 percent to 1,936.17.

SoftBank Group, a global start-up investor, surged 2.14 percent, while chip-related stocks rose following a good finish to the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index.

Tokyo Electron gained 2.34 percent, and Advantest, a supplier of semiconductor test equipment, gained 2.47 percent.

The major exporters were up, with Sony gaining more than 4% and Panasonic and Mitsubishi Electric both gaining more than 1%. Canon gaining 0.3 percent.

Shippers led the market's gain, rising 4.2 percent, while steelmakers and airlines rose 3.2 percent and 2.61 percent, respectively.

Yamaha Motor was next, down 6.98 percent, and Olympus was down 1.69 percent.

The volume of shares traded on the main board of the Tokyo Stock Exchange was 0.41 billion, compared to an average of 1.04 billion for the previous 30 days.

On Tuesday's currency market, the US dollar trading in the upper 109 yen range.

The composite PMI decreased from 48.8 in July to 45.9 this month, while the services PMI fell from 46.4 in July to 43.5 in August.

The Japanese government plans to extend the state of emergency to eight additional prefectures, bringing the total to 21, according to the minister in charge of coronavirus countermeasures.

Overall consumer prices in Japan fell 0.3 percent year on year July.

Inflation was up 0.2 percent overall, matching predictions and dropping from 0.3 percent the previous month.

Top Gainers

Company	Last Price	Change%
Shionogi & Co. Ltd.	¥7,162.00	5.48%
Showa Denko K.K.	¥2,594.00	3.51%
Mitsubishi Motors Corp.	¥277.00	3.36%
Rakuten Group Inc.	¥1,115.00	3.34%
Daiichi Sankyo Co. Ltd.	¥2,625.00	3.12%

Top Losers

Company	Last Price	Change%
DIC Corp.	¥3,030.00	-3.35%
Ebara Corp.	¥5,300.00	-2.57%
Toyobo Co. Ltd.	¥1,327.00	-2.21%
Seiko Epson Corp.	¥2,113.00	-2.04%
Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd.	¥4,939.00	-1.87%

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