

Shanghai Market Outlook - 16 March 2023

The China stock market has moved higher in two of three trading days since the end of the five-day losing streak in which it had surrendered almost 100 points or 2.8 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index now sits just above the 3,260-point plateau although it's predicted to open in the red again on Thursday.

For the day, the index collected 18.00 points or 0.55 percent to finish at 3,263.31 after trading between 3,256.86 and 3,273.12. The Shenzhen Composite Index increased 5.33 points or 0.26 percent to end at 2.081.26.

The SCI finished modestly higher on Wednesday following gains from the financial shares, property stocks and resource companies.

Among the actives, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China climbed 1.13 percent, while Bank of China and PetroChina both jumped 1.80 percent, China Construction Bank rallied 2.06 percent, China Merchants Bank advanced 0.87 percent, Bank of Communications collected 0.79 percent, China Life Insurance improved 1.09 percent.

Jiangxi Copper perked 0.05 percent, Aluminum Corp of China (Chalco) accelerated 1.78 percent, Yankuang Energy retreated 1.23 percent, China Petroleum and Chemical (Sinopec) rose 0.18 percent, Huaneng Power soared 3.84 percent, China Shenhua Energy added 0.38 percent, Gemdale gathered 0.81 percent, Poly Developments spiked 1.34 percent, China Vanke was up 0.70 percent and China Fortune Land gained 0.39 percent.

China's industrial production growth strengthened in January to February period and retail sales			
rebounded after the relaxation of the pandemic			
related restrictions, official data revealed			
Wednesday.			

Chinese consumers, unshackled from COVID-19 restrictions, are returning to hotels, restaurants and some shops, but they are choosy about what they buy, disappointing hopes for an immediate post-pandemic splurge.

China's embattled property sector made new progress in its climb out of a months-long slump as official data for January-February on Wednesday showed much narrower declines in home sales, developer investment and construction starts.

China's coal output rose by 5.8% in the first two months of 2023 from the same period a year earlier, government data showed on Wednesday, as new mining capacity came online and Beijing encouraged miners to boost production to improve energy security.

China's demand for Australian coking coal for steelmaking remains lacklustre even after Beijing removed import restrictions, as supplies from local mines, Mongolia and Russia are cheaper, traders say.

China's yuan was trade at 0.00751137 to the dollar.

Top Gainers			
Company	Last Price	Change%	
China Petroleum Engineering Corp. A	¥3.69	10.15%	
China Aluminum International Engineering Corp. Ltd.	¥5.45	10.10%	
Tianjin Bohai Chemical Co. Ltd. A	¥4.26	10.08%	
HuaDian Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.	¥8.42	10.07%	
Aeolus Tyre Co. Ltd. A	¥5.80	10.06%	

Top Losers			
Company	Last Price	Change%	
Shanghai Haohai Biological Technology Co. Ltd.	¥93.86	-7.47%	
Hangzhou Arcvideo Technology Co. Ltd. A	¥62.98	-7.44%	
CIG Shanghai Co. Ltd. A	¥22.60	-6.11%	
Suzhou Harmontronics Automation Technology Co. Ltd. A	¥62.02	-5.74%	
AVIC Heavy Machinery Co. Ltd.	¥25.75	-5.44%	



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