Electronic link between Qatar Chamber, Ministry of Commerce and Industry discussed

A Qatar Chamber panel recently met to discuss activating the electronic link between Qatar and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCII) and removing “canceled” companies from the database. The meeting came as part of efforts to automate the process of registering and updating the joint committee of commercial and industrial companies. The meeting was also aimed at discussing the new regulations which state that two companies are considered to be in the same company, and the Ministry will not deal with them, if they are managed through a Single Window. It was also recommended to update member data, creating an electronic environment that supports the electronic link between Qatar Chamber and the Ministry. Also recommended was standardizing searchable data and the conditions and procedure of adding Chamber’s electronic service to Single Window, so that these services will be easily available for the chamber’s members, and in this way a step toward achieving Qatar’s e-government strategy.

Qatar’s trade surplus in merchandise sector up 6.6% to QR6.25bn in July

Qatar’s exports of goods and services showed a one-off increase in July, with a strong growth in re-exports and a healthy export performance. This month’s export performance is reflective of the economic recovery and the diversification efforts undertaken by the country. The export growth is expected to continue in the coming months, driven by the ongoing increase in demand for Qatar’s products.

The exports of petroleum and petroleum products increased by 6.7% in July, contributing to the overall export growth. The country’s export performance has been supported by increased demand for its products in the international market. The export performance of non-oil products also showed a strong growth, with an increase of 8.9% in July. This growth is attributed to the strong demand for Qatar’s non-oil products in the international market.

The country’s main export destinations are the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. The Middle East is the largest destination for Qatar’s exports, followed by Europe and Asia.

Sri Lanka seeks JV opportunities, investments from Afghanistan

Sri Lanka is looking for joint venture opportunities and investments from Afghanistan for improvement of its infrastructure, as part of efforts to strengthen its relations with the country. A delegation from Sri Lanka is visiting Afghanistan this week to discuss potential cooperation opportunities. The delegation from Sri Lanka will be meeting with officials from the Afghan government and private sector to explore potential areas of cooperation. The delegation will also visit projects that are currently underway in Afghanistan to gain a better understanding of the situation.

On a separate note, Sri Lanka signed an agreement with the World Bank for a USD 500 million loan to support the country’s economic recovery and growth. The loan will be used to support projects in the education, health, and infrastructure sectors. The loan is expected to help Sri Lanka recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and boost its economic growth.

 Alibaba puts India investment plan on hold, says sources

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, Alibaba Group announced that it is putting its India investment plan on hold. This is the latest move by the Chinese tech giant to reassess its strategy in the country, following the ban on Chinese apps and the growing tension between China and India.

The company cited “external factors” as the reason for its decision. It is unclear what specific factors led to this decision, but it is likely related to the ongoing tension between China and India, as well as the ban on Chinese apps in the country.

The decision by Alibaba to put its India investment plan on hold is a significant setback for the company, which had been planning to invest heavily in the country. This move is likely to have implications for other Chinese tech companies operating in India, as well as for the wider China-India business relationship.
Alibaba Group puts India investment plan on hold amid China tensions

Pakistan, China agree to enhance industrial ties

Vanguard to end presence in Hong Kong, job cuts

Hong Kong IPOs are paying banks more way than before

Top Japan official signals push to reunify, economic boost signals

PresidentXi Jinping Business Report

The retail investors’ strong buying was encouraged by foreign private equity funding that the Quake Cloud Group might raise through a secondary listing of its Chinese operating company.

The reality, industries and job losses continue to worsen even with average winning sales decreasing as the PwC report shows that the total expected sales will fall below 10% to 10.9%. Although it is an expected outcome, the report also shows that some industries, such as electronics, have increased their losses.

The negative impact on the community was also seen in the case of retail sales, which decreased by 5%.

QSE settles below 9,000 levels as foreign funds book profits

By Financial Times

The QSE index plunges 5.7% to close at 8,900 levels, as foreign funds book profits.

The market capitalization of stocks on QSE is 45 billion dirhams, or 16% of GDP. Foreign funds account for 70% of the total market capitalization.

Alibaba Group has put on hold its plans to invest in India's e-commerce sector, a top executive at the company said, in response to recent tensions between the countries.

The company, which is the world's largest e-commerce group, is planning to invest up to $1 billion in the country. The decision comes after the Indian government recently announced that it would ban Chinese apps from the app stores.

The company said it was reviewing its investment plans in India and that it would continue to monitor the situation. The decision is a blow for India's e-commerce market, which is expected to grow significantly in the coming years.

The ban on Chinese apps, which include popular ones like TikTok and WeChat, is expected to hit India's e-commerce sector hard. The sector has been growing rapidly in recent years, with the likes of Amazon and Flipkart seeing strong growth.

Vanguard, an American investment management company, said it would exit the Hong Kong market, with the closure of its local bank and its e-commerce business.

The company said it had decided to “shut down” its operations as a result of the current political and regulatory environment in Hong Kong.

Top Japan official signals push to reunify, economic boost signals

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the government-sponsored enterprises that finance the secondary mortgage market, said they were moving to limit their exposure to the cyclical nature of the housing market.

The companies, which are responsible for creating and guaranteeing mortgage-backed securities, said they would reduce their exposure to mortgage-backed securities with loan-to-value ratios of more than 80%.

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae said they would also limit their exposure to mortgage-backed securities with loan-to-value ratios of more than 90%.

The companies said they were moving to limit their exposure to the cyclical nature of the housing market as the economy continues to recover from the pandemic.
India stocks rise as rally spreads to mid-caps; rupee strengthens

India stocks rose as the rally spread to mid-caps, with the S&P BSE MidCap index gaining more than 1% for the first time in nearly a month. The rupee also strengthened against the dollar, hitting its highest level in about a month, and the benchmark Sensex rose to a record high.

The rally in mid-caps was led by strong earnings reports from companies like ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank. The banks also benefited from recent policy measures announced by the government to boost the economy.

The rupee strengthened because of better risk appetite among investors, who were positive about the economic outlook. The government has also taken several steps to boost the economy, including cuts in corporate taxes and放松监管.

Most Asian markets were also higher, with the Nikkei 225 and the Shanghai Composite Index gaining more than 1% each. The MSCI Asia Pacific index was up 0.7%.

India's strong economic performance and policy measures have helped it attract foreign investors, who are confident about the country's growth potential. The rupee's strength also helped India's exports, which are priced in dollars.

However, the rally in mid-caps and the rupee's strength could be short-lived if global risk appetite wanes. The US-China trade war and geopolitical tensions could dampen investor sentiment.

Overall, the Indian stock market is performing well, with strong earnings and policy measures boosting investor confidence. The rupee's strength could also help India's exports, making it an attractive investment destination for foreign investors.
### Latest Market Closing Prices

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### Crypto lending on ‘DeFi’ platforms reaches $3.7bn

This is the first time in history that crypto lending on ‘DeFi’ (decentralized finance) platforms has reached $3.7bn. Lenders are now able to earn significant interest on their crypto holdings.

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*Note: The data above is for illustrative purposes only.*
Europe markets end higher on tech boost and stimulus hopes

European stocks closed higher yesterday in some of additional stimulus to Germany and anticipated economic recovery measures in France to combat coronavirus reverberations. The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 index added 0.8%, with German shares up 0.6% and France’s CAC 40 up 0.8%.

Having led the recovery from March’s lockdown-driven downturn, several European мире economies have been gradually reopening. As a result, the world’s third-largest economy began welcoming tourists and opened non-essential shops last week.

Dow Jones German enterprises doubled their S&P 500 index 1.2% after US and 31 other US sectors added 0.3% to the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Germany’s coalition parties agreed to essential laws to contain the worst of a new round of virus cases, while France is expected to announce a new recovery plan in September.

With high hopes for vaccines, the industry has been wary of potential economic downturns until now.

Concerns were raised over the cost of vaccines, which remains high for many countries.

World stock markets rallied, with the exception of the Japanese yen, which continued its recent downturn. The yen has lost about 10% against the US dollar.

Oil prices continued in last Friday’s gains with North American futures zeroing in on the $47 per barrel mark, while the euro is moving sharply lower.

Inflation is now raising towards the ECB’s 2% target, and the Fed is expected to start tapering its asset purchases in the coming months.

Inflation in the US has continued to rise, with core consumer prices jumping 0.3% in July, the highest rate since 1990.

Oil prices continued last week’s gains, with Brent crude above $50 per barrel. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agreed to extend its production cuts.
US core capital goods orders rise but remain below February level

Core capital goods orders increase 5.3% in Feb; core capital goods shipments rise 2.4%; durable goods orders jump 12.3%

Sebastien Washington

New orders for U.S. made capital goods increased 5.3% in February, the pace slowed from January's 16.7% rise, though the pace slowed from January's 16.7% rise, though the pace matched expectations. The data suggests the recovery in business investment would be gradual and uncertain at the centre of the outbreak.

Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched gauge for business spending plans, increased 5.3% last month, the Commerce Department said yesterday. That followed a 16.7% increase in December. Orders for core capital goods excluding autos were up 4.4% last month. They fell 1.9% in a year-on-year basis in January.

Last month's increase in order was in line with expectations. Though new consumer goods have waned, a broad range of business investment has accelerated. The price of the pandemic remains costly, with many seeking to make up for lost time.

Core capital goods orders last month were up 5.3% for the month, up 4.4% for the year, down 4.2% from a year ago. Core capital goods orders last year were up 4.4% for the month, up 4.4% for the year, down 4.2% from a year ago.

Orders for core capital goods exclude autos, which were up 4.4% last month, but remain below February level.

The declining of nonresidential business is still strong in March and a sign that some of the price hikes that have hurt business investment, which was already under pressure from the strong dollar, are beginning to show.

Though business investment is trailing the recovery in industrial output, it appears to be gaining traction. A report last week showed manufacturing activity, which accounts for 17% of the sector, improved by 13.8% month-on-month, boosted by the pandemic.

Business sentiment firmed at a record 85.5% last month, the highest level in 10 years, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. That level of sentiment was reached during the Great Recession, and business sentiment has not dipped below 50.0% since 2007. A reading above 50.0% indicates that manufacturing firms are expanding.

Economists expect the government will report a decline in 2020. The government expects the deficit to peak at 10.7% of GDP in the second quarter, according to a Wall Street Journal survey of economists.

Investment in nonresidential building also remains at levels seen before the pandemic. New orders for nonresidential building rose 1.1% last month, up 9.9% for the year, compared with a year ago.

There were no notable improvements or cuts in capital goods orders. Orders for transportation equipment mirrored the situation with a rise in transportation orders, while the Commerce Department reported a rise in transportation orders. Transportation orders rose 1.1% for the month, up 9.9% for the year, compared with a year ago.

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Customers are notified at the time of the sale that the Airport Home Appliance will not accept returns due to the cancellation of orders. A customer can request a return for business spending plans. Increased 6.3% last month, the Commerce Department said yesterday.
Fraudsters target airlines under cover of pandemic

By Freddie John

COVID-19’s impact on the aviation industry has been profound, with airlines facing unprecedented challenges. Fraudsters have taken advantage of the situation, targeting airlines under the guise of pandemic-related concerns.

Fraudsters often use tactics such as phishing emails, fake SMS messages, and social engineering to trick airlines into providing sensitive information. These tactics are designed to look legitimate and take advantage of the current situation.

The aviation industry is uniquely vulnerable to such scams due to its reliance on complex systems and the need to share sensitive information with multiple parties. Airlines are also facing increased financial pressures, making them more susceptible to falling for such schemes.

Airlines are advised to remain vigilant and implement strong security measures to protect against these frauds. By being proactive and proactive in their approach, airlines can mitigate the risks associated with these emerging threats.

Beyond the Tarmac

- The new world of travel
- The new normal
- The future of travel

The aviation industry is facing a new era of travel, with the pandemic changing the way we travel. Airlines are working to adapt to this new reality, ensuring the safety and health of their passengers and staff.

Airlines are focusing on improving their digital services, offering contactless check-in and boarding, and implementing new safety protocols. They are also exploring new routes and destinations to cater to the changing demand of travelers.

The future of travel is uncertain, but it is clear that the industry is evolving to meet the new challenges. Airlines are working hard to provide a safe and enjoyable travel experience for their customers.

Mandatory mask policies implemented for passengers, crew onboard

By Mark Carney

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, many airlines have implemented mandatory mask policies for passengers and crew onboard.

These policies are designed to protect the health and safety of all travelers and reduce the risk of transmission. They are based on the latest scientific evidence and guidelines from health authorities.

While some passengers may resist these policies, airlines are working to ensure compliance and provide a comfortable travel experience. They are also offering incentives, such as reduced fares or priority boarding, to encourage passengers to wear masks.

AirAsia X seeks debt relief with flights unlikely until 2021

By Navin Shukla

As the aviation industry continues to struggle with the impact of COVID-19, AirAsia X is facing significant challenges. The airline, which is one of the largest low-cost carriers in Asia, faces a difficult road to recovery.

The airline has been forced to cancel flights and lay off staff due to reduced demand. It is also facing financial pressures, with the need to secure new funding to continue operations.

AirAsia X is exploring various options, including government aid and new funding sources, to help it through this difficult period. The airline is also working on reducing costs and improving efficiency to improve its financial performance.

While the future is uncertain, AirAsia X is taking steps to ensure its survival and recovery. With the help of government support and new funding, the airline hopes to resume operations in the near future.