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KLSE OPENING  
KL SHARES SLIGHTLY LOWER IN EARLY TRADE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Share prices on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) were slightly lower in quiet early trading today as investors were sidelined as they awaited for 2004 Budget announcement to be unveiled by Prime Minister-cum-Finance Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad later this afternoon.

A dealer said profit taking on yesterday's gains as well as losses in overnight trading on Wall Street pushed the market on a lower trend.

At 9.40 am, the Composite Index declined 1.78 points to 741.22 after opening 0.65 of a point lower at 742.35.

The Emas Index shed 0.23 of a point to 182.14, the Industrial Index declined 2.21 points to 1,640.57 points and the Second Board Index added 0.14 of a point to 113.82.

Gainers led losers by 153 to 134, 164 counters were unchanged, 714 untraded and 82 counters suspended.

Trading was quiet with 97.453 million shares valued at RM104.821 million changing hands.

Leading the active stocks, MCM Technologies rose half a sen to 46.5, Naim Cendera Holdings 49 sen to RM1.79 and AWC Facility Solution rose half a sen to RM1.35.

Heavyweight Maybank dropped five sen to RM9.50, Tenaga Nasional gained five sen to RM7.00 and Telekom eased five sen to RM9.20. -- BERNAMA

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