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KUALA LUMPUR: The benchmark stock index, FBMKLCI, and the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives (BMD) ended yesterday's trading at record highs.

The KLCI closed 6.14 points higher at 1,824.29, while the BMD recorded an all-time historical high when annual volume surpassed 10 million contracts.

The KLCI, driven mainly by gains made by Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB), hit a record intra-day high of 1,840.12 earlier in the morning session. This was propelled by a huge share price jump in state-controlled TNB, which is a major influential constituent of the key index.

The previous all-time high of the key index at 1,818.93 was registered on Oct 24 this year.

In morning trades, the share price of TNB soared to a high of RM12.60, a jump of RM2.17 or 27.4% over the previous day's last traded price of RM9.89 after upgrades by analysts as they expect earnings to be raised. TNB warrants also rose in tandem.

But at market close at 5pm, the KLCI retreated after profit taking set in on TNB.

The KLCI closed 6.14 points or 0.34% higher at 1,824.29, while top gainer TNB ended at RM10.72, up 83 sen or 8% on heavy trades of some 46.7 million shares, after hitting a high of RM12.60.

The government had announced two days ago that electricity rates across the country, with the exception of Sarawak, will rise by 15% on average effective Jan 1, 2014.

Analysts generally had expected the KLCI to hit a new record high yesterday after the announcement. BIMB Securities said yesterday morning: "We expect the index to see another record high today [yesterday] as buying interests will be centred on TNB."

Hong Leong Investment Bank sees immediate resistance at 1,826-1,840 and support at 1,790-1,800.

At market close, losers led gainers 446 to 324 although the key index was bullish. Turnover stood at 1.24 billion shares valued at RM2.1

billion.

In the region, Asian shares eased yesterday as unexpectedly strong

US factory activity bolstered expectations the Federal Reserve will soon trim its stimulus, reported *Reuters*.

On the BMD, the cumulative number of contracts traded in 2013 as at end of yesterday's trading stood at 10,024,113 inclusive of exchange for related positions and negotiated large trades.

Bernama reported that comparatively, the total contracts traded in 2012 amounted to 9,649,707.

"The volume growth reflects the vibrancy of the Malaysian derivatives market, attributed to the participation of domestic and international players arising from various business development efforts.

"The visibility and accessibility of BMD via the CME@Globex trading platform has enhanced foreign participation. The open interest for all products on the same day stood at 200,024 contracts," it added.