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"ASPI at a 33-month high"

The Broad Market maintained bullish momentum, extending the positive sentiment from the previous week's close, primarily driven by gains in the Banking sector and blue-chip stocks. The benchmark index, ASPI touched a 33-month high, closing the day at 12,875, gaining 75 points. Additionally, Construction sector counters like LALU and ACL coupled with Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector counters such as WATA and SUN witnessed increased buying interest during today's trading session. Moreover, the rise in global palm oil prices boosted sentiment towards WATA, leading to a 3.2% increase in share price today, with expectations of further price gains. Meanwhile, amidst multiple crossings, turnover increased by 19.0% compared to the previous session's turnover, reaching LKR 2.4Bn. However, this marked a 14.1% decrease from the monthly average standing at LKR 2.8Bn. Moreover, the Banking sector led the turnover by 42%, followed by the Food, Beverage & Tobacco and Capital Goods sectors jointly contributing 31% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 23.3Mn.

