

Procedures for the Consultation of the Nikkei Indexes

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set the procedures for Nikkei to consult stake holders on issues related to the indexes Nikkei calculates and disseminates.

2. Subjects

Subjects of consultation will be projected changes to the Nikkei's indexes, such as a methodology change, which Nikkei deems important and necessary to consult stake holders upon its decision making. Please note, however, that this does not mean every projected change is consulted.

3. Consultation procedure

- (1) Nikkei pre-announces subject matter before making decision on the changes to the Nikkei indexes.
- (2) Subject matter is published, and contributions are made in the Nikkei's official index website.
- (3) Consultation period will be at least for 30 days in principle. The exact period will be disclosed in the consultation document based on the importance and complexity of the subject.
- (4) Although Nikkei respects contributions in its decision-making process, final decision is made by Nikkei at its own discretion. The resulting changes or the decision not to implement such changes are published on the Nikkei's official index website.
- (5) Each contribution to the consultation is not disclosed. However, a summary without identity of a contributor may be published in the related documents.
- (6) Personal information provided in consultation is abandoned after the consultation process is over and not saved by Nikkei.