

Press Release

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Nikkei Average Share Change due to Asahi Bank Delisting

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. (Nikkei) announces the following changes to the Nikkei indices (Nikkei Stock Average, Nikkei Stock Index 300, and Nikkei 500 Stock Average) as a result of the delisting of Asahi Bank on February 25th.

Asahi Bank will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Daiwa Bank Holdings, Inc. (8308) by way of share exchange, which was approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders at Daiwa Bank Holdings today.

Asahi Bank is deleted on February 25 and following new components will be added on 27th. On 25th and 26th, the indices are calculated with the shares one less than their original number, e.g. 224 for Nikkei Average.

Nikkei Stock Average

Chiba Bank (8331) (presumed par value is 50 yen)

(New component was chosen from Financial Sector to which Asahi Bank belongs, in the order of liquidity.)

Nikkei Stock Index 300

Daiwa Bank Holdings (8308)

Nikkei 500 Stock Average

Meidensha Corp (6508,Electronics) (presumed par value is 50 yen)

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