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Changes to the Nikkei Indexes

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Kanebo, Ltd. (3102), which is a constituent of the Nikkei Stock Average and Nikkei 500 Stock Average was moved to "Kanri-Post" by the Tokyo Stock Exchange today.

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. will watch the process of investigation by the TSE and will decide upon the replacement of Kanebo, Ltd. later.

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