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Regarding the treatment of Nikko Cordial Corporation in Nikkei indices

Nikkei Inc. and Nikkei Digital Media Inc. keep Nikko Cordial Corporation (8603) as a constituent of the Nikkei Stock Average, Nikkei Stock Index 300, and Nikkei 500 Stock Average following the decision by the Tokyo Stock Exchange to assign Nikko Cordial to the ordinary trading post from "Kanri Post".

Nikko Cordial was assigned to "Kanri-Post" on December 18, last year. On the same day, Nikkei announced to keep it as a constituent of the indices and closely monitor the examination and decision of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

(Note) Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. changed its English name to Nikkei Inc. on January 1, 2007. In addition, Electronic Media Bureau of Nikkei Inc. was separated to form Nikkei Digital Media Inc. on the same day. Nikkei Stock Average and other Nikkei indices continue to be owned by Nikkei Inc. However, Nikkei Digital Media succeeded index operations such as calculation, constituent changes, and licensing from the Electronic Media Bureau of Nikkei Inc.

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