

Nikkei Dividend Index reaches its historical high at 373.02 in 2017

Nikkei Inc. announced on April 2 that the final value of the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index in the year of 2017 stood at 373.02, up 45.39 points from that of the 2016 index. It has reached its historical high since 1998 when the data started to be available, which increased for the 8th year in a row and recorded historical high for 5 consecutive years on a final value basis.

The index is based on the dividends that would be received from the Nikkei 225 constituent companies for an investor to hold them for a calendar year. The final value of the 2017 index was determined after all of the dividends in 2017 were fixed at the end of March 2018. In the constituents in the 2017 index, possible to compare, 115 companies increased their dividend payments to shareholders in 2017 while 15 companies decreased them. The biggest contributors to the increase in the 2017 index were Tokyo Electron Ltd. (8035) etc.

The index is calculated on a calendar year basis. The dividends in the accounting month of March 2018 will be included into the 2018 index in June 2018 after the annual shareholder meetings are held.

To know more about the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index, please click [here](#).