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Changes to Nikkei Indices

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Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc. issues preannouncement of following changes in the Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei Average) and Nikkei 500 Stock Average (Nikkei 500) and ISE/Nikkei50 due to delisting of MITSUI TRUST & BANK(8401).

MITSUI TRUST & BANK is delisted as a result of merger with CHUO TRUST & BANKING(8408).

This change becomes effective on March 28.

[Nikkei Stock Average]

New components:

DAIWA SECURITIES GROUP (8601, Securities)

[Nikkei 500 Stock Average]

New components:

FUJI TELEVISION (4676, Communication)

[ISE/Nikkei 50]

New components:

ASAHI CHEMICAL IND. (3407, Chemicals)

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