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**Changes to Nikkei Stock Indices**

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Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc. announces following changes in the Nikkei Stock Indices. AOKI Corporation(1886, Construction) is removed from the constituents and the following stocks are added to the Nikkei Stock Average and Nikkei 500 Stock Average.

AOKI Corporation is removed as a result of moving to the " Seiri-Post" . This change becomes effective on December 7,2001.

**[ Nikkei Stock Average ]**

New constituent, **DAIKIN Industries,LTD.** (6367, Machinery ) replaces AOKI Corporation.

**[ Nikkei 500 Stock Average ]**

New constituent, **KUREHA CHEMICAL INDUSTRY** (4023, Chemicals) replaces AOKI Corporation.

Par value of both stocks are presumed to be 50 yen in calculating the indices.

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