

## **Press Release**

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### **Nikkei Average Share Change due to Asahi Bank Delisting**

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. (Nikkei) announces the following procedure to reflect the planned delisting of Asahi Bank (8322) in the Nikkei indices (Nikkei Stock Average, Nikkei Stock Index 300, and Nikkei 500 Stock Average).

Asahi Bank will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Daiwa Bank Holdings, Inc. (8308) by way of share exchange.

1. Asahi Bank will be deleted from the indices subject to the condition that the Share Exchange Agreement between the two banks will be approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders at Daiwa Bank Holdings on February 22. Upon approval, Asahi Bank will be deleted on February 25, which is originally planned delisting date of Asahi Bank.
2. New constituent replacing Asahi Bank will be announced after the market close of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on February 22, upon approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The new constituents will be added on February 27, two days after the deletion.
3. When the constituents are changed as planned above, the indices are calculated with the shares one less than their original number, e.g. 224 for Nikkei Average, on February 25 and 26.

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