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Changes to Nikkei Indices

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Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc. announces following changes in the Nikkei Stock Index 300 (Nikkei 300) and Nikkei 500 Stock Average (Nikkei 500) due to delisting of ARABIAN OIL(1603). ARABIAN OIL will be removed and the following stocks will be added to each index.

This change becomes effective on January 24.

[Nikkei Stock Index 300]

New components:

Trend Micro (4704)

[Nikkei 500 Stock Average]

New components:

Kanto Natural Gas Development (1661, Mining, 50)*

*In parenthesis are Code, Industry category and presumed par value(yen).

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