

Press Release

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Change to the Nikkei Average Components

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. (Nikkei) announces the following change to the Nikkei Stock Average components. Mizuho Holdings, Inc. (8305) is to be delisted on March 6. To reflect this delisting and a formation of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., following procedure is taken in accordance with the "Component Selection Rules".

1. Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (8411) will replace Mizuho Holdings, Inc. (8305).
2. Mizuho Holdings Inc. will be deleted on March 6 and Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. will be added on March 13 (the following day of the first trading day of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.). Par value of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. is presumed to be 50,000 yen.
3. Between March 6 and March 12 (5 business days), Nikkei Average is computed with 224 components. Divisor is adjusted as the number of components change to preserve the continuity in the index.

Mizuho Holdings, Inc. is also a component of the Nikkei Stock Index 300, the Nikkei 500 Stock Average and the Nikkei Average by Industry (Bank). The same procedure is taken for these indices.

And, as for the Nikkei 500 Stock Average and the Nikkei Average by Industry (Bank), Ashikaga Bank Ltd. (8335) will be deleted on March 5 and Ashikaga Financial Group, Inc. (8352) will be added on March 12 to reflect the formation of Ashikaga Financial Group, Inc. Par value of the new company is presumed to be 50 yen.

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