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**Changes to the Nikkei Stock Average**

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Effective October 1, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. will make the following changes to the Nikkei Stock Average constituents. As a result of annual review, 3 constituents will be changed.

Date	Code	Addition	Code	Deletion
Oct. 1	2282	Nippon Meat Packers, Inc.(50)	2536	Mercian Corp.
	4324	Dentsu Inc.(5000)	6474	Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp.
	9984	Softbank corp.(50)	7102	Nippon Sharyo, Ltd.

\*numbers in parenthesis are presumed par value

<Note>

Due to decline in liquidity, Mercian, Nachi-Fujikoshi, and Nippon Sharyo will be deleted. Nippon Meat Packers (Consumer goods sector), Dentsu (Consumer goods sector), and Softbank (Materials sector) will be added by high liquidity and balance of the sectors.

"Sectors" are industrial sectors defined by aggregating Nikkei 36 industry classification system into 6 broad category. They are "Technology", "Financials", "Consumer goods", "Materials", "Capital goods/others", "Transportation/utilities".

As for the Nikkei Stock Index 300, a part of constituents will be delisted to form a holding company, or by other reasons. However, not all of the dates of such events are released yet. Announcement regarding the constituent change will be made later, following the release of exact dates by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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