

PRESS RELEASE

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Regarding the Stock Split of Advantest Corporation

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Advantest Corporation (6857), a Nikkei Stock Average constituent, is planning a stock split of 1 to 2. From its ex-right date of September 26, Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc. will change the presumed par value of Advantest from 50yen to 25yen in line with its ratio of split. This means that the price of Advantest will be doubled in calculation of the Nikkei Average after the split.

This is in accordance with the announcement of June 7, 2005 regarding the "Reverse Splits in the Nikkei Average Constituents" to cope with large scale stock splits and reverse splits.

Since the price level of Advantest in Nikkei Average will stay the same, the divisor will not be changed by this split.

The same will be applied to the Nikkei 500 Stock Average (Nikkei 500).

In addition, as announced on June 5, presumed par value of Millea Holdings, Inc. (8766) will be changed from 50,000 yen to 100 yen from October 2 due to 1 to 500 stock split.

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