

## Nikkei Dividend Index set at 207.92 in 2012

Nikkei Inc. announced on April 1 that the final value of the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index in the year of 2012 stood at 207.92, up by 8.3 percent from 192.03, the final value of the 2011 index, which is the third consecutive increase. The index is based on the dividends that would be received from the Nikkei 225 constituent companies for an investor to hold them for a calendar year. The final value of the 2012 index was determined after all of the dividends in 2012 were fixed at the end of March 2013.

In the constituents in the 2012 index, possible to compare, 73 companies increased their dividend payments in 2012 while 39 companies decreased them. The biggest contributors to the increase in the 2012 index were Softbank Corp. (9984) and Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. (9983).

The index is calculated on a calendar year basis. The dividends in the accounting month of March 2013 will be included into the 2013 index in June 2013 after the annual shareholder meetings are held.

