

Nikkei Dividend Index reaches its historical high at 226.73 in 2013

Nikkei Inc. announced on April 1 that the final value of the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index in the year of 2013 stood at 226.73, up 18.81 points from that of the 2012 index. It has reached its historical high since 1998 when the data started to be available, which increased for four years in a row. The main reason was that Japanese major companies have increased payouts to the shareholders on the background of ameliorating corporate performances.

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 2013 index was determined after all of the dividends in 2013 were fixed at the end of March 2014. In the constituents in the 2013 index, possible to compare, 104 companies increased their dividend payments in 2013 while 37 companies decreased them. The biggest contributors to the increase in the 2013 index were Toyota Motor Corporation. (7203) and Trend Micro Incorporated (4704), and KDDI Corporation (9433) etc.

The index is calculated on a calendar year basis. The dividends in the accounting month of March 2014 will be included into the 2014 index in June 2014 after the annual shareholder meetings are held.

To know more about the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index, please click [here](#).
