

## Nikkei Dividend Index reaches its historical high at 326.72 in 2015

Nikkei Inc. announced on April 1 that the final value of the Nikkei Stock Average Dividend Point Index in the year of 2015 stood at 326.72, up 61.60 points from that of the 2014 index. It has reached its historical high since 1998 when the data started to be available, which increased for the 6th year in a row and recorded historical high for 3 consecutive years.

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 2015 index was determined after all of the dividends in 2015 were fixed at the end of March 2016. In the constituents in the 2015 index, possible to compare, 130 companies increased their dividend payments to shareholders in 2015 while 19 companies decreased them. The biggest contributors to the increase in the 2015 index were Fanuc Corp. (6954) and Kyocera Corp. (6971) and Tokyo Electron Ltd. (8035) etc.

The index is calculated on a calendar year basis. The dividends in the accounting month of March 2016 will be included into the 2016 index in June 2016 after the annual shareholder meetings are held.

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

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