

Asahi Kasei Corp.
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**Notice of payment of dividends from surplus (interim dividend)
and revision of year-end dividend forecast for fiscal 2017**

The Board of Directors of Asahi Kasei Corp. has today made a resolution as shown below regarding the payment of dividends from surplus (interim dividend) with a date of record of September 30, 2017, and regarding revision of the forecast for the fiscal 2017 year-end dividend.

1. Reason of the resolution regarding dividends from surplus (interim dividend) and revision of year-end dividend

The company's basic policy is to strive for stable dividends and increased dividends through continuous earnings growth while maintaining an appropriate internal reserve to perform well-balanced investment for growth and return to shareholders.

The interim dividend for fiscal 2017 is now ¥14 per share, increased by ¥2 from the latest forecast announced on August 3, 2017, in consideration of the above stated policy. The year-end dividend forecast is also increased by ¥2 per share to ¥14 per share, resulting in an annual dividend forecast of ¥28 per share.

2. Substance of dividends from surplus (interim dividend)

	Resolved today	Latest forecast (announced on August 3, 2017)	Dividends paid at end of Q2 2016
Date of record	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Dividend per share	¥14	¥12	¥10
Total dividend amount	¥19,552 million	—	¥13,967 million
Payment date	December 1, 2017	—	December 1, 2016
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

3. Revision of year-end dividend

	Cash dividend per share (yen)		
Date of record	End of Q2	Fiscal year end	Total
Previous forecast (August 3, 2017)	¥12	¥12	¥24
Dividend forecast	¥14	¥14	¥28
cf. fiscal 2016	¥10	¥14	¥24

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