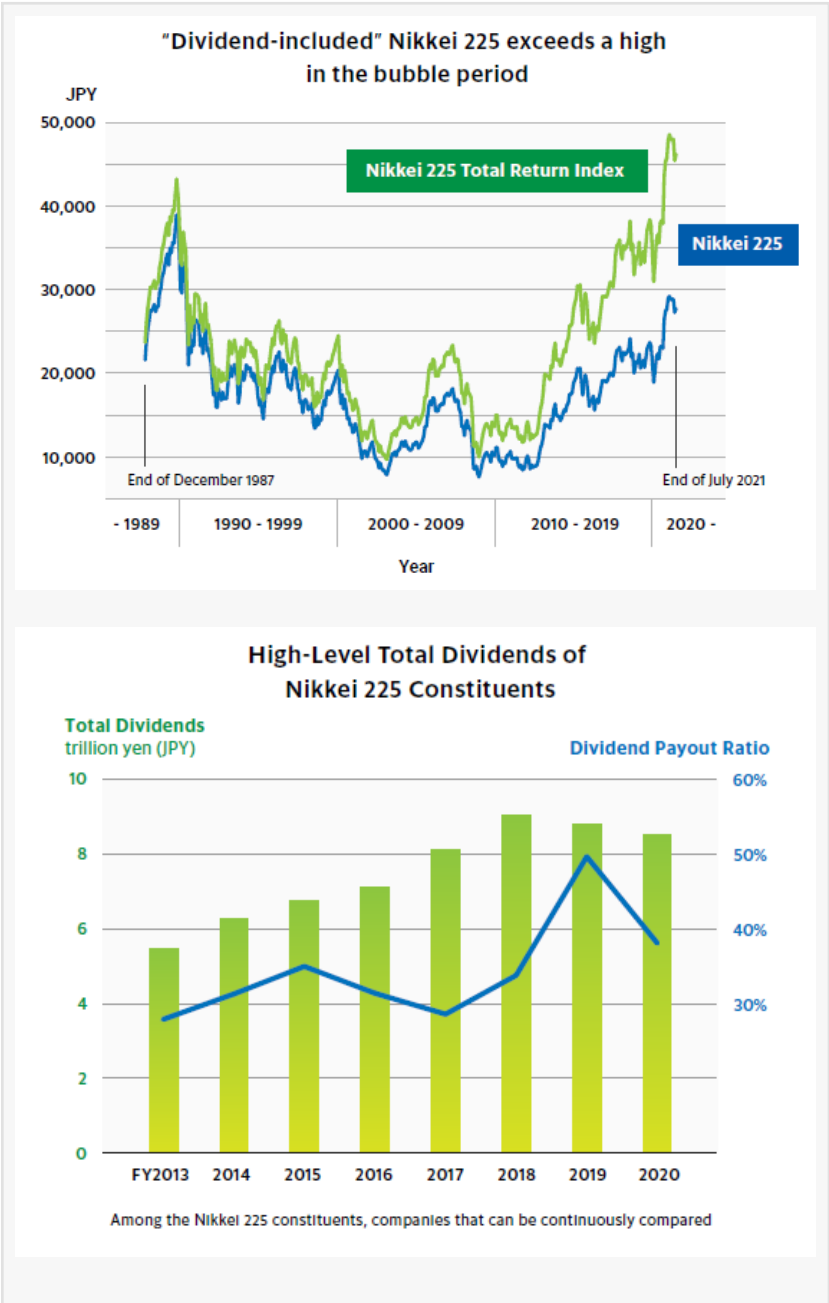


# Nikkei 225 Total Return hitting a record high

*The Nikkei 225 Total Return Index, which focuses on stocks paying out dividends, has hit an all-time high. Awareness of shareholder returns is increasing.*

TOKYO, JAPAN, October 25, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Looking at the Nikkei 225, the difference between the price movements of the index of shares that do not offer dividends and the index of shares that pay out dividends becomes clear. The Nikkei 225 is at 70% of its highest price level ever, which was 38,915 yen at the end of 1989. However, the dividend-included index reached its highest price ever in February 2021, surpassing all previous highs during the 31 years since the end of the bubble period. In addition to the strong stock market, the compound interest effect of dividend reinvestment is having an impact.

The total return index is also calculated for the world's major stock indexes, and institutional investors often compare investment results using the dividend-included index.



Since 2013, when Abenomics began, the performance of the Nikkei 225 Total Return Index has exceeded the Nikkei 225, and the divergence between the two measurements has widened. The background is that a growing number of companies are placing importance on dividends due to increasing awareness of shareholder returns.

According to Nikkei NEEDS\*, the dividend payout ratio of the Nikkei 225 constituents that can be

continuously compared was 38% in FY2020, an increase of 10 points from FY2013. Over the same period, net profit increased by only 15%, while total dividends increased by 55%.

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