

**Notice of payment of dividends from surplus (increased dividend) and forecast of dividends**

The Board of Directors of Asahi Kasei Corp. has today made a resolution regarding the payment of dividends from surplus (year-end dividend) with a date of record of March 31, 2026, and determined the forecast of dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, as shown below.

## 1. Substance of dividend payments

	Resolved today	Latest forecast (announced on February 4, 2026)	Previous dividends (fiscal year ended March 31, 2025)
Date of record	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2025
Dividend per share	¥22	¥20	¥20
Total dividend amount	¥29,912 million	—	¥27,193 million
Payment date	June 2, 2026	—	June 2, 2025
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

## 2. Reason of the dividends (increase) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026

Asahi Kasei determines level of shareholder returns based on the medium-term free cash flow outlook. In the medium-term management plan "Trailblazer Together" for fiscal 2025–27, Asahi Kasei formulated a shareholder returns policy of aiming for medium- to long-term progressive dividends with DOE of 3% as a benchmark while continuously improving the level of returns.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on May 12, 2026, the year-end dividend per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026, was set at ¥22 per share, taking into consideration the above policy and the company's financial condition. As a result, the annual dividend, including the interim dividend (¥20 per share), will be ¥42 per share.

In accordance with Asahi Kasei's Articles of Incorporation, dividends from surplus are determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## 3. Forecast for dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027

Based on this policy, the annual dividend is planned to be ¥44 per share.

Breakdown of annual dividends

Date of record	Cash dividends per share		
	End of Q2	Fiscal year end	Total
Dividend forecast (fiscal year ending March 31, 2027)	¥22	¥22	¥44
Dividend adopted (fiscal year ended March 31, 2026)	¥20	¥22	¥42
Dividend adopted (fiscal year ended March 31, 2025)	¥18	¥20	¥38

Trend of payout ratio

Date of record	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2027 (forecast)
Annual dividend	¥36	¥38	¥42	¥44
Consolidated payout ratio	113.9%	38.8%	35.9%	36.8%