

### Notice of payment of dividends from surplus

The Board of Directors of Asahi Kasei Corp. has today made a resolution as shown below regarding the payment of dividends from surplus with a date of record of March 31, 2014.

#### 1. Substance of dividend payments

	Resolved today	Latest forecast (announced on February 5, 2014)	Dividends paid at end of fiscal 2012
Date of record	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013
Dividend per share	¥10.0 (¥8.0 ordinary dividend, ¥2.0 special dividend)	¥8.0 (¥8.0 ordinary dividend)	¥7.0 (¥7.0 ordinary dividend)
Total dividend amount	¥13,974 million	—	¥9,783 million
Payment date	June 5, 2014	—	June 5, 2013
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

#### 2. Reason of the resolution

The company's basic policy is to strive to continuously increase dividends through continuous earnings growth while maintaining an appropriate cash reserve based on consolidated income.

The dividend at the end of fiscal 2013 is now ¥10 per share (¥8.0 ordinary dividend, ¥2.0 special dividend) in consideration of the above stated policy and the recording of extraordinary income, an increase of ¥3 per share from the fiscal 2012 dividend. As a result, the annual dividend per share increased by ¥3 from a year ago to ¥17 per share, as shown in the following table.

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

Date of record	Cash dividend per share (yen)		
	End of Q2	Fiscal year end	Total
Dividend adopted	¥7.0 (¥7.0 ordinary dividend)	¥10.0 (¥8.0 ordinary dividend, ¥2.0 special dividend)	¥17.0 (¥15.0 ordinary dividend, ¥2.0 special dividend)
cf. fiscal 2012	¥7.0 (¥7.0 ordinary dividend)	¥7.0 (¥7.0 ordinary dividend)	¥14.0 (¥14.0 ordinary dividend)

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