

**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 September 30, 2011.

1. Substance of dividend payments

	Resolved today	Latest forecast (announced on August 2, 2011)	Dividends paid at end of Q2 2010
Date of record	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010
Dividend per share	¥7.0	¥6.0	¥5.0
Total dividend amount	¥9,784 million		¥6,992 million
Payment date	December 1, 2011		December 1, 2010
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 the second quarter of fiscal 2011 is now ¥7 per share in consideration of the consolidated financial performance achieved, an increase of ¥1 per share from the fiscal 2011 dividend forecast announced on August 2, 2011.

The forecast for the annual dividend has thus been revised to ¥14 per share, as shown in the following table.

	Cash dividend per share (yen)		
	End of Q2	Fiscal year end	Total
Previous forecast (announced on August 2, 2011)	6.0	7.0	13.0
<b>Revised forecast</b>		<b>7.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>
Dividend adopted	7.0		
cf. fiscal 2010	5.0	6.0	11.0

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