

**Nikkei and TOCOM to jointly manage
the new “Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index”**

(Tokyo, March 30, 2009) Tokyo Commodity Exchange, Inc (“TOCOM” or the “Exchange”), Japan’s largest and Asia’s prominent commodity exchange, and Nikkei Inc. (Nikkei), Japan’s most influential economic daily newspaper, announced today that they have agreed to jointly manage the new “Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index”.

As a result of this agreement, the TOCOM Index which has been publicized by TOCOM since July 2006 will change its name to the “Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index” as of the April 1, 2009 calculation.

TOCOM and Nikkei are committed to work together in devoting the greatest possible effort to widely promote and establish the Nikkei-TOCOM Index as 1) a benchmark for evaluating investment performance in the commodity futures market of Japan 2) a basis for structuring investment products, and 3) an indicator for developing comprehensive hedging strategies.

The new Nikkei-TOCOM Index will retain continuity from the previous TOCOM Index. For more detailed information on the Index, please refer to:
http://www.tocom.or.jp/souba/tocom_index/index.html

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[About the TOCOM Index]

TOCOM has started to publish the TOCOM Index on July 24, 2006 in order 1) to create a benchmark to measure the performance of investment trusts, commodity funds and the like, and 2) to help commercial players manage their comprehensive hedging strategies by providing a reliable indicator. The TOCOM Index is composed of TOCOM's listed 9 commodities, but excludes options, and is also based on the relative sizes of the spot and futures markets to determine the composition ratio of each component. The index base date is May 31, 2002 and the base value, which reconciles the settlement prices on that day, is set at 100. The contract months covered by the index are the 5th or 6th contract months, where most trades occur at TOCOM.

[Reference]

TOCOM will revise the composition ratio of the Nikkei-TOCOM Index and Nikkei-TOCOM Sub Indices as follow:

(1) Nikkei-TOCOM Index and Nikkei-TOCOM Nearby Month Index

	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Aluminum	Gasoline	Kerosene	Crude Oil	Rubber	Total
Composition ratio from June 1, '09	24.64%	1.04%	9.24%	0.82%	2.81%	17.25%	8.48%	31.83%	3.89%	100.00%
[Reference] Composition ratio through May 31, '09	23.51%	1.20%	10.28%	0.65%	3.50%	18.94%	9.11%	29.52%	3.29%	100.00%
% point change	1.13%	-0.16%	-1.04%	0.17%	-0.69%	-1.69%	-0.63%	2.31%	0.60%	

(2) Nikkei-TOCOM Precious Metals Indices

	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Total
Composition ratio from June 1, '09	43.04%	9.49%	39.81%	7.66%	100.00%
[Reference] Composition ratio through May 31, '09	41.71%	8.93%	39.69%	9.67%	100.00%
% point change	1.33%	0.56%	0.12%	-2.01%	

(3) Nikkei-TOCOM Oil Index

	Gasoline	Kerosene	Crude Oil	Total
Composition ratio from June 1, '09	35.09%	21.16%	43.75%	100.00%
[Reference] Composition ratio through May 31, '09	38.22%	21.43%	40.35%	100.00%
% point change	-3.13%	-0.27%	3.40%	

(4) A total composition ratio for each of the following indexes: 100%

Nikkei-TOCOM Gold Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Silver Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Platinum Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Palladium Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Aluminum Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Gasoline Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Kerosene Index, Nikkei-TOCOM Crude Oil Index and Nikkei-TOCOM Rubber Index