

# THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN ANNOUNCEMENT ON NEW STOCK INDEX “YOMIURI 333”

**A new and balanced way to measure the Japanese market  
based on the “equal-weighting method.”**

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The Yomiuri Shimbun announced a new stock index — “The Yomiuri Stock Index (Yomiuri 333)”. The new index will start in March 2025.

The Yomiuri 333 is composed of 333 Japanese stocks using the “equal-weighting method”, which incorporates all 333 companies’ stocks in the same proportion. The Yomiuri 333 is aimed to provide a variety of investors with a new benchmark representing the performance of the Japanese stock market by covering a broad range of Japanese companies and using the “equal-weighting method”. The daily calculation for the Yomiuri 333 will be carried out by Nomura Fiduciary Research & Consulting Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Nomura Holdings Inc.

The Yomiuri Shimbun believes that the stock index will be a suitable benchmark for investors to measure the performance of the Japanese stock market and a trusted guide for investors.

The key feature of the Yomiuri 333 is “equal-weighting method” in the index portfolio while the existing leading Japanese stock indices rely on “market-capitalization weighting” or “price-weighting”, in which a few large-cap stocks or high-priced stocks have great influence. The Yomiuri 333 will capture the growth of a wide range of companies in an intelligible and transparent manner.

In Japan, significant reforms to the tax exemption program for individual investor went into effect in January 2024. “NISA” which stands for “Nippon (Japan) Individual Savings Account”, aims to provide households mid to long term asset accumulation and also to function as a conduit of funds to promising business. It aims to help build personal assets and income by providing investment opportunities to individuals in Japan's rapidly aging society, where many live to the age of 100 and above.

As the leading Japanese newspaper, The Yomiuri Shimbun aims to provide a new method for the public to recognize the value of the Japanese stock market by introducing this new stock index. This will give an alternative view of the current stock market and will benefit investors once financial products linked to the Yomiuri 333 are launched early next year.

The Yomiuri Shimbun believes that part of its mission is to help create an environment where people who are not familiar with the stock market or investment are informed. The Yomiuri Shimbun will constantly provide useful information about the merits of investment through its daily reporting.

## ◆ Main Features of the Yomiuri Stock Index (Yomiuri 333)

### #1 Unbiased by large-cap stocks.

By adopting the "equal-weighting method", the Yomiuri 333 will not be overly influenced by the price movements of large-cap stocks or high-priced stocks. Yomiuri 333 will provide investors an alternative view of the broad Japanese stock market compared to the leading existing indices which use "market-capitalization weighting" or "price-weighting" methods.

### #2 Focuses on the Japanese stock market.

The Yomiuri 333 is composed of 333 Japanese domestic stocks, designed to serve as a new benchmark capturing the growth of the Japanese stock market.

### #3 Suitable for long-term, diversified and cumulative investment

The Yomiuri 333 offers more diversified investment opportunities using "equal-weighting method", which makes it easier to capture the growth of wider range of stocks regardless of market capitalization. Therefore, the Yomiuri 333 is well-suited for long-term investment for investors. Yomiuri 333-linked financial products are suitable for investors seeking long-term, diversified and cumulative investment.

Name	The Yomiuri Stock Index ("Yomiuri 333")
Owner	The Yomiuri Shimbun
Calculation & Administration	Nomura Fiduciary Research & Consulting Co., Ltd.
Launch date	March 2025
Weighting method	Equal weighted
Currency	JPY
Universe	Stock exchanges in Japan
The number of constituents	333
Eligibility	Considering float-adjusted market capitalization and liquidity
Calculation	End of day
Maintenance	Reshuffle yearly and reweight quarterly

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