Press Release



April. 25, 2005

Nikko Cordial Securities Inc.

Change of Directors

Nikko Cordial Securities Inc. ("NCS") today announced the change of Directors, as follows.

The change is subject to approval by NCS's shareholders' meeting.

[New Director] Scheduled for June 2005

Chairman, Simplex Investment Advisors Inc.)

[Retiring Directors] Scheduled for June 2005

Chairman Kei Takeda

Executive Director Masashi Kaneko

(Chairman, Nikko Cordial Corporation)

(nominated for Chairman, Nikko Citigroup Limited)