

**Change in Representative Directors**

The Board of Directors of Asahi Kasei today adopted a resolution for a change in the company's Representative Directors, as shown below.

*Reason for the change*

The change is made in accordance with a change in the management configuration.

*Substance of the change*

Name	Current office	New office	
		As of April 1, 2019	After the General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2019
Shigeki Takayama	Primary Executive Officer	Vice-Presidential Executive Officer	Representative Director, Vice-Presidential Executive Officer
Masafumi Nakao	Representative Director, Vice-Presidential Executive Officer	Representative Director	Corporate Auditor

See attachment: Biography of the new Vice-Presidential Executive Officer

*Biography of the new Vice-Presidential Executive Officer*  
(as of February 7, 2019)

Name: Shigeki Takayama  
Date of birth (age): January 14, 1956 (63)  
Birthplace: Osaka, Japan  
Education: March 1980, Master of Polymer Chemistry, Keio University  
March 1997, Doctor of Engineering in Polymer Physics, Shibaura Institute of Technology

Career:

April 1980	Joined Asahi Kasei Corp.
April 2009	Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp. General Manager, Display & Optics Div., Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp.
April 2010	Director & Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp. General Manager, Display & Optics Business, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp.
June 2010	Director & Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp.
April 2012	Director & Senior Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp.
April 2013	President & Representative Director, Presidential Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp.
April 2015	President & Representative Director, Presidential Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei E-materials Corp. Director, Asahi Kasei Microdevices Corp.
April 2016	Senior Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corp. President, Separators SBU CEO, Polypore International, LP
April 2018	Primary Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corp. President, Separators SBU
April 2019	Vice-Presidential Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corp. (scheduled)
June 2019	Representative Director & Vice-Presidential Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corp. (scheduled)

Asahi Kasei shares held: 67,000 (as of December 3, 2018)