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Nichirei Corporation

## **Nichirei Included in the FTSE4Good Index Series for 17th Consecutive Year**

Nichirei Corporation (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Kenya Okushi) announces that, for the 17th consecutive year since fiscal 2003, it has been selected for inclusion in the FTSE4Good Index Series developed by FTSE Russell, a global leader in the creation and management of ESG investment indices. In addition, Nichirei has been selected for inclusion in the FTSE Blossom Japan Index three years in a row since it was launched in fiscal 2017.

Since the 2008 financial crisis, there is an increasingly critical view of the pursuit of short-term profits in capital markets. Recently, rather than financial information such as net sales and profits traditionally used as the basis for investment decision-making, there has been a growing focus on ESG investment—corporate activities related to environment, social and governance issues.

At present, with regard to corporate ESG initiatives, a wide range of global investors use a variety of ESG indices as benchmarks for investment decision-making.

As a company supporting the food supply, the Nichirei Group has always placed a priority on its social responsibility and engaged in highly transparent management. Our Medium-term Business Plan (Fiscal 2019–2021), based on the Nichirei Pledge, the foundation of our CSR policies, also calls for the creation of new value supporting a good dietary life and health through business activities. We will continue to contribute to the realization of a sustainable communities by resolving social issues and efforts to maintain proactive disclosure.

Indices selecting Nichirei this time

◆ **FTSE4Good Index Series**

Selected 17 years straight since fiscal 2003

Developed by FTSE Russell, which is wholly-owned by the London Stock Exchange Group, this index is comprised of companies that meet global standards for environmental, social and governance activities.

◆ **FTSE Blossom Japan Index**

Selected three years in a row since fiscal 2017

Developed by FTSE Russell, this index is comprised of Japanese corporations included in the FTSE Japan Index that meet global standards related to ESG activities.

Reference: Indices used by the GPIF

Furthermore, Japan's Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), which has ¥159 trillion under management (as of fiscal 2018) and is said to be the largest government pension fund in the world, utilizes four ESG indices including the FTSE Blossom Japan Index targeting domestic stocks. Nichirei is included in all four of these indices.

◆ **FTSE Blossom Japan Index**

◆ **MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index**

Selected for inclusion since fiscal 2017

◆ **MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index**

Selected for inclusion since fiscal 2017

◆ **S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index**

Selected for inclusion since fiscal 2018

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