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Astellas Pharma Inc. Appoints Representative Directors and Corporate Officers

Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Yamanouchi”; headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Toichi Takenaka) and Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Fujisawa”; headquarters: Osaka; President and CEO: Hatsuo Aoki) are pleased to announce the approval at their board meetings of the following representative directors and corporate officers of Astellas Pharma Inc. (“Astellas”), which will be created as a result of their merger on April 1, 2005.

1. Representative directors

○ Reason for appointment

To further consolidate the management base of Astellas Pharma Inc. which will be established on April 1, 2005

○ Appointments

Toshinari Tamura, Ph. D.	Representative Director, Executive Vice President	(Currently Representative director and Corporate Executive Vice President of Yamanouchi)
Masafumi Nogimori	Representative Director, Executive Vice President	(Currently Member of the Board and Corporate Senior Vice President of Fujisawa)

○ Career of new representative directors

Name	Toshinari Tamura	Masafumi Nogimori
Birth date	November 30, 1943	December 21, 1947
Career	April, 1972- joined Yamanouchi June, 1998 - Member of the Board June, 2001 - Managing director June, 2002 - Senior managing director June, 2004 - Member of the Board and Corporate Executive Vice President October, 2004 - Representative director and Corporate Executive Vice President (at present)	April, 1970 - joined Fujisawa June, 1997 - Member of the Board (resigned in June 2000) June, 2000 - Corporate Vice President June, 2001 - Corporate Senior Vice President June, 2003 - Member of the Board(at present) June, 2004 - Corporate Senior Vice President (at present)

○ Scheduled date of assumption of office

April 1, 2005

2. Board members to retire

Name	Title at present	Title in Astellas
Akira Fujiyama	Chairman of the Board of Fujisawa	Senior Advisor to the Board
Tomokichiro Fujisawa, Ph. D.	Chairman Emeritus of Fujisawa	Senior Advisor to the Board
Nobuji Takayama	Member of the Board and Corporate Senior Vice President of Yamanouchi	Corporate Advisor

3. Auditors to retire

Name	Title at present	Title in Astellas
Norio Sasaki	Corporate Auditor of Yamanouchi	Corporate Advisor
Tateo Horita	Corporate Auditor of Fujisawa	Corporate Advisor
Yoshiharu Senoue	Corporate Auditor of Fujisawa	Corporate Advisor
Toyomichi Ohtani	Corporate Auditor of Yamanouchi	Vice President, Internal Auditing
Masahiko Kinbara	Corporate Auditor of Fujisawa	

4. Corporate officers to be appointed on April 1, 2005

Name	New Title	New Position	Title and position at present
Kunihide Ichikawa	Director of the Board, Executive Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing	Member of the Board and Corporate Executive Vice President of Yamanouchi
Yasuo Ishii	Senior Corporate Officer	Chairman and CEO, Astellas Pharma Europe Ltd.	Corporate Senior Vice President of Yamanouchi
Isao Yanagisawa, Ph. D.	Senior Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Drug Discovery Research	Corporate Senior Vice President of Yamanouchi
Hirofumi Onosaka	Senior Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy	Corporate Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Strategy Planning of Fujisawa
Masao Shimizu	Senior Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Development	Corporate Senior Vice President, Global Development of Fujisawa
Naoki Fujimoto	Senior Corporate Officer	Associate Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing	Corporate Senior Vice President of Fujisawa
Isao Kishi	Senior Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Information Systems	Corporate Senior Vice President of Yamanouchi
Hiroaki Hiraiwa	Senior Corporate Officer	Associate Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing	Corporate Senior Vice President, Director of Sales and Marketing Div. of Yamanouchi
Takayoshi Mukaida	Senior Corporate Officer	External Relations	Corporate Senior Vice President, External Relations of Fujisawa
Hideo Fukumoto	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Corporate Strategy	Corporate Vice President, Chairman and CEO, Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc.
Shigekazu Takahashi	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Corporate Finance & Accounting	Corporate Vice President, Director of Finance and Accounting Dept. of Yamanouchi
Kazuyoshi Hatanaka	Corporate Officer	Senior Advisor, Astellas Pharma Europe Ltd.	Corporate Vice President, CEO of Yamanouchi UK Ltd., CEO of Yamanouchi Europe B.V.
Toshio Saba	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Corporate Administration	Corporate Vice President, Director of Human Resources Div. of Yamanouchi
Toshio Goto, Ph. D.	Corporate Officer	Associate Senior Vice President, Drug Discovery Research	Corporate Vice President, Global Research of Fujisawa
Hitoshi Ohta	Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Technology	Corporate Vice President, Global Manufacturing of Fujisawa
Shinji Usuda, Ph. D.	Corporate Officer	Associate Senior Vice President, Development	Corporate Vice President, Director of Drug Development Div. of Yamanouchi

Ikuya Sugisaki	Corporate Officer	Vice President, General Affairs, Corporate Administration	Corporate Vice President, Director of General Affairs Dept. of Yamanouchi
Hajime Nakajima	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Budget Control & International Tax, Corporate Finance & Accounting	Corporate Vice President, Director of Corporate Administration Dept. of Yamanouchi
Osamu Nagai	Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Corporate Finance & Accounting	Corporate Vice President and CFO of Fujisawa
Iwaki Miyazaki	Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, QA, RA and Pharmacovigilance	Corporate Vice President, Director of QA&RA Div. of Yamanouchi
Tadao Hasegawa	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Strategic Business Management, Sales & Marketing	Corporate Vice President, Director of Planning Dept., Sales and Marketing Div. of Yamanouchi
Masaru Imahori	Corporate Officer	Associate Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing	Corporate Vice President, Executive Director, Sales & Marketing of Fujisawa
Toshio Ohsawa	Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Corporate Administration	Corporate Vice President, Director of Corporate Planning Dept. of Yamanouchi
Kiyoshi Furuichi, Ph. D.	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Molecular Medicine Research Labs.	Corporate Vice President, Director of Drug Discovery Research of Yamanouchi
Katsuro Yamada	Corporate Officer	Vice President, Northern Osaka Branch, Sales & Marketing	Corporate Vice President, General Manager of Osaka Branch, Sales and Marketing Div. of Yamanouchi
Shinichi Shimizu	Corporate Officer	Senior Vice President, Home Care	Corporate Vice President, Home Care of Fujisawa
Makoto Nishimura	Corporate Officer	Chairman and CEO, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.	Corporate Vice President, Executive Vice President, Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc.