

The Netherlands Decorates Masafumi Nogimori, Representative Director and Chairman of Astellas with "Officer in the Order of Oranje-Nassau" Royal Decoration

Tokyo, July 16, 2015 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (Headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Yoshihiko Hatanaka, "Astellas") today announced that Masafumi Nogimori, Representative Director and Chairman of Astellas, has been honored by King William-Alexander with the Royal Netherlands decoration of 'Officer in the Order of Oranje-Nassau*'.



Photo: Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Radinck J. van Vollenhoven (right) and Masafumi Nogimori, Chairman of Astellas Pharma Inc. (left)

Astellas has been operating its business in the Netherlands for a long period of time. This prestigious decoration was awarded in recognition of Astellas' long-term contribution to the economic development of the Netherlands and Japan, as well as local communities.

The award ceremony was held on July 16, 2015, at the residence of the Netherlands Ambassador in Tokyo, and the award was presented to Masafumi Nogimori by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Radinck J. van Vollenhoven.

In expressing his profound gratitude, Masafumi Nogimori said, "I am delighted that our long-term commitment as Astellas and as Yamanouchi and Fujisawa, the two former companies of Astellas, to the Netherlands is recognized. We will continue to contribute to further development of the economy and society in the Netherlands and Japan."

Astellas is a company dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through

the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products and will continue to be on the forefront of healthcare change to turn innovative science into value for patients.

*About the Order of Oranje-Nassau

The Order of Oranje-Nassau was created in 1892 as the most prestigious honor in the Netherlands.

The honor is conferred to persons who have “earned special merits for society” over time.

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