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Astellas Nominates Directors

Japan, April 26, 2010 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) announced that, at a meeting of its Board of Directors held today, it decided on the following candidates for outside Director and outside Corporate Auditor to be newly elected at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 23, 2010.

At the same General Meeting of Shareholders, an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation that would shorten the term of office of Directors from two years to one year will be proposed, with the aim of further clarifying the managerial responsibilities of Directors and fortifying corporate governance.

[Candidate of Director]

Outside Director Kanoko Oishi

[Director to be retired]

Outside Director Takako Ebata

[Candidate of Corporate Auditor]

Outside Corporate Auditor Yukiko Kuroda

[Corporate Auditor to be retired]

Outside Corporate Auditor Kiyomi Saito

[The Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors after June 23, 2010 (planned)]

Member of the Board

Toichi Takenaka (Representative Director and Chairman)
Masafumi Nogimori (Representative Director, President and CEO)
Yasuo Ishii (Representative Director, Executive Vice President and CSMO)
Takao Saruta (Outside Director)
Shiro Yasutake (Outside Director)
Yasuyuki Takai (Outside Director)
Kanoko Oishi (Outside Director)

Corporate Auditors

Osamu Nagai (Corporate Auditor)
Shigeo Aoyagi (Corporate Auditor)
Hideo Yamada (Outside Corporate Auditor)
Yukiko Kuroda (Outside Corporate Auditor)

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