

August 2, 2005

**NOTICE REGARDING ACQUISITION
OF THE COMPANY'S OWN SHARES**

(Share buyback pursuant to the provisions of Article 211-3, paragraph 1, item 2 of the
Commercial Code of Japan)

Astellas Pharma Inc. (Headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Toichi Takenaka) (hereafter called the "Company") hereby announces that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a resolution was adopted that the Company will acquire its own shares pursuant to the provisions of Article 211-3, paragraph 1, item 2 of the Commercial Code of Japan:

Particulars

1. Reasons for the Acquisition of its Own Shares
The Company intends to acquire its own shares as measures that flexibly implement a capital policy and totally improve shareholders return.
2. Contents of Acquisition
 - (1) Class of shares to be acquired: Common stock of the Company
 - (2) Total number of shares to be acquired: 5,000,000 shares (Maximum)
(The percentage compared to the total number of shares issued: 0.87%)
 - (3) Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: ¥21,000,000,000 (Maximum)
 - (4) Period of acquisition: From August 3, 2005 to August 31, 2005

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