

September 1, 2005

**PURCHASE OF THE COMPANY'S OWN SHARES IN THE MARKET**  
(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") has implemented the share buyback by purchasing its own shares in the market pursuant to the provisions of Article 211-3, paragraph 1, item 2 of the Commercial Code of Japan:

Particulars

1. Purchase period: From August 3, 2005 to August 31, 2005
2. Number of shares purchased: 5,000,000 shares
3. Aggregate amount of purchase costs: ¥19,172,363,000
4. Method of the purchases: Purchases on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Reference)

Authorization granted for the share buyback at the Board of Directors on August 2, 2005

- (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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