

December 9, 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 November 8, 2005 to December 8, 2005
2. Number of shares purchased: 5,979,300 shares
3. Aggregate amount of purchase costs: ¥26,999,916,000
4. Method of the purchases: Purchases on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Reference)

Authorization granted for the share buyback at the Board of Directors on November 7, 2005

- (1) Class of shares to be acquired: Common stock of the Company
- (2) Total number of shares to be acquired: 6,000,000 shares (Maximum)  
(The percentage compared to the total number of shares issued: 1.05%)
- (3) Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: ¥27,000,000,000 (Maximum)
- (4) Period of acquisition: From November 8, 2005 to December 8, 2005

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