

# **News Release**

April 26, 2007

## **Astellas Nominates a Director and Corporate Auditors**

Astellas Pharma Inc. ("Astellas"; headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) today announced that it has decided to nominate one candidate of an outside director and two candidates of corporate auditors at the Board of Directors held on April 26, 2007. The selections are subject to the approval of the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company, to be held on June 26, 2007. The names of candidates are listed below.

## [List of a Candidate of Director]

Outside Director Takao Saruta (Emeritus Professor at Keio University)

### [List of Candidates of Corporate Auditor]

Corporate Auditor Osamu Nagai Corporate Auditor Shigeo Aoyagi

#### [A Director to be retired]

Outside Director Ken-ichi Arai (Professor Emeritus at The University of Tokyo)

#### [Auditors to be retired]

Corporate Auditor Kenichiro Saito Corporate Auditor Masaya Ishii

## [The Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors after June 26, 2007( Planned) ]

Member of the Board

Hatsuo Aoki (Representative Director and Co-Chairman)

Toichi Takenaka (Representative Director and Co-Chairman)

Masafumi Nogimori (Representative Director, President and CEO)

Toshinari Tamura (Representative Director, Executive Vice President and CSO)

Makoto Matsuo (Outside Director)

Takashi Yamane (Outside Director)

Koji Furukawa (Outside Director)

Takako Ebata (Outside Director)

Takao Saruta (Outside Director)

#### **Corporate Auditors**

Osamu Nagai (Corporate Auditor)

Shigeo Aoyagi (Corporate Auditor)

Hideo Yamada (Outside Corporate Auditor)

Kiyomi Saito (Outside Corporate Auditor)

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