

April 26, 2012

Astellas Nominates Directors

Tokyo, Japan, April 26, 2012 - <u>Astellas Pharma Inc.</u> (Tokyo : 4503, "Astellas") announced that, at a meeting of its Board of Directors held today, it decided on the following candidate for outside Corporate Auditor to be newly elected at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 20, 2012.

[Candidate of Corporate Auditor]

Outside Corporate Auditor

Shigeru Nishiyama

[Corporate Auditor to be retired]

Outside Corporate Auditor

Hideo Yamada

[The Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors after June 20, 2012 (planned, including renomination)] Member of the Board

Masafumi Nogimori (Representative Director and Chairman) Yasuo Ishii (Representative Director and Vice Deputy Chairman) Yoshihiko Hatanaka (Representative Director, President and CEO) Shiro Yasutake (Outside Director) Yasuyuki Takai (Outside Director) Kanoko Oishi (Outside Director)

Naoki Aikawa (Outside Director)

Corporate Auditors

Shigeo Aoyagi (Corporate Auditor) Seigo Kashii (Corporate Auditor) Yukiko Kuroda (Outside Corporate Auditor) Shigeru Nishiyama (Outside Corporate Auditor)

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