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Astellas Holds Annual "Changing Tomorrow Day" as Part of its Global Corporate Volunteer Activities

Tokyo, July 30, 2012 – <u>Astellas Pharma Inc.</u> ("Astellas," Tokyo: 4503) today announced that it will hold its annual "Changing Tomorrow Day" (CT Day), an event in which Astellas Group employees globally participate in volunteer activities.

This year is the third consecutive year of CT Day, which started in 2010 in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of Astellas' establishment. Astellas Group employees around the world working in Japan, Europe, Americas and Asia/Oceania will plan, schedule and implement various community-related volunteer activities focused on the themes of "health" and "environment" to contribute to their local communities and foster a sense of unity among global Astellas.

In Japan, CT Day initiatives take place for three months between June 1 and August 31 of 2012. Many volunteer activities in local communities have been held since June in Astellas' research centers, plants, and branch/sales offices all over Japan. On August 3, employees working at Astellas Tokyo Headquarters in Nihonbashi will participate in community cleanup activities in neighboring areas, including the cleaning of parks and planting of flowers which were grown at the Green Supply Support Office* in Astellas' Tsukuba Research Center. Further, a riverbank along the Sumida River has been newly added to the cleaning areas this year.

Astellas recognizes that links with its local communities are essential and will seek to continually and proactively contribute to its local communities through CT Day volunteer activities. For details of Astellas' CT Day initiatives in the last two years, please refer to the CT Day website on Astellas' homepage at the following URL.

http://www.astellas.com/en/csr/community/changing.html

* : Astellas established the Green Supply Support Office in April, 2011 within one of its group subsidiaries as part of employment promotion efforts for differently-abled people.

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