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For Immediate Release

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Notice regarding Repurchase of Own Shares

(Repurchase of Own Shares under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Company Law)

SANKYO Co., Ltd. announced that, at a meeting held on June 11, 2010, its Board of Directors resolved to repurchase its own shares under Article 156 of the Company Law as applied pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 3 of the Company Law.

1. Reason for Repurchase of Own Shares

The Company intends to repurchase its own shares in order to enhance capital efficiency, implement a flexible capital policy in response to the changing business environment, and return profits to shareholders.

2. Details of Share Repurchase

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| (1) Type of shares to be repurchased: | Common stock |
| (2) Number of shares to be repurchased: | Up to 3 million shares (3.11% of the total number of shares issued) |
| (3) Aggregate amount of repurchase cost: | Up to 15 billion yen |
| (4) Period of repurchase: | From June 14, 2010 to December 30, 2010 |

(Reference)

Total number of shares issued and treasury stock as of June 10, 2010:

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| Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock): | 96,460,161 shares |
| Treasury stock: | 1,137,339 shares |