For Immediate Release

Notice regarding Status of 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 it executed share repurchases in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors' meeting held on June 11, 2010 concerning repurchase of its own shares under Article 156 of the Company Law as applied pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 3 of the Company Law. The status of repurchase of own shares is as follows.

1. Period of repurchase: From December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 (on a contract basis)
2. Aggregate number of shares repurchased: 0 shares
3. Aggregate amount of repurchase cost: 0 yen
4. Method of repurchase: Purchase on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Reference)

1. Details of the resolution of the Board of Directors' meeting held on June 11, 2010

(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 June 13, 2011

Note: At the Board of Directors' meeting held on December 7, 2010, it was resolved to extend the period of repurchase of the Company's own shares until June 13, 2011.

2. Cumulative number of own shares repurchased in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors' meeting above

(1) Aggregate number of shares repurchased: 1,369,800 shares

(2) Aggregate amount of repurchase cost: 5,844,433,500 yen