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For Immediate Release

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Notice concerning Repurchase of the Company's Own Shares and Retirement of Treasury Stock

(Repurchase of the Company's own shares under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act and retirement of treasury stock pursuant to Article 178 of the Companies Act)

SANKYO Co., Ltd. today announced that, at the Board of Directors' meeting held on February 3, 2015, it was resolved to repurchase the Company's own shares under Article 156 of the Companies Act as applied pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act and retire treasury stock pursuant to Article 178 of the Companies Act. Details are described below.

1. Reason for Repurchase of Own Shares

The Company intends to repurchase its own shares for the purpose of enhancing capital efficiency, implementing a flexible capital policy in response to the changing business environment, and returning profits to shareholders and to retire treasury stock for the purpose of eliminating concerns about possible share dilution.

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 6 million shares
(6.41% of the total number of shares issued) |
| (3) Aggregate amount of repurchase cost: | Up to 30 billion yen |
| (4) Period of repurchase: | From February 4, 2015 to March 25, 2015 |

3. Details of retirement of treasury stock

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| (1) Type of shares to be retired: | Common stock |
| (2) Number of shares to be retired: | 6 million shares |
| (3) Planned retirement date: | March 27, 2015 |

(Reference)

Total number of shares issued and treasury stock as of January 31, 2015:

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock):	93,625,101 shares
Treasury stock:	3,972,399 shares