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For Immediate Release

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Notice concerning Retirement of Treasury Stock **(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 16, 2015, it was resolved to retire treasury stock pursuant to Article 178 of the Companies Act. Details are described below.

1. Reason for retirement

The Company intends to retire treasury stock for the purpose of eliminating concerns about possible share dilution.

2. 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: | 2,000,000 shares |
| (3) Planned retirement date: | March 27, 2015 |

(Reference)

Total number of shares issued after retirement of treasury stock will be 89,597,500 shares.

(Note) Total number of shares issued after retirement of treasury stock is calculated based on the assumption that 6 million shares of the Company's common stock will be retired on March 27, 2015 (as announced on February 3, 2015).