## News Release



## Santen Pharmaceutical Purchased Own Shares on Market by ToSTNet - 2

Buyback of Shares in accordance with Article 3 of the Commercial Code, "Law Related to Special Exemptions to the Commercial Code Concerning Procedures for the Retirement of Shares"

March 5, 2002 --- As announced yesterday (March 4, 2002), Santen Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. announced that it has purchased its own shares on the market as described below.

- Reason for Share Buyback
   To retire shares with retained earnings in accordance with Article 3 of the Commercial Code, "Law Related to Special Exemptions to the Commercial Code Concerning Procedures for the Retirement of Shares"
- 2. Class of shares purchased: common stocks with par value
- 3. Total number of shares purchased: 2,000,000 shares
- 4. Acquisition values of shares purchased: ¥ 1,601
- 5. Date of purchase: Tuesday, March 4, 2002
- 6. Purchase method: purchase through ToSNeT 2 of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

## For reference:

- Decision on Santen Pharmaceutical's own share buyback methods (Information released on March4, 2002.)
  - Class of shares to be purchased: common stocks with par value
  - Total number of shares to be purchased: 2,100,000 shares

Thus, Santen Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. announced that it has completed as of March 4, 2002, the buyback of Santen Pharmaceutical's shares approved at a meeting of Santen Pharmaceutical's Board of Directors convened on February 26, 2002 in accordance with Article 3 of the Commercial Code, "Law Related to Special Exemptions to the Commercial Code Concerning Procedures for the Retirement of Shares."