News Release



Notice regarding Share Buyback

May 13, 2002 --- Santen Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. announced that the buyback of its shares as described below was approved by its Board of Directors' meeting convened on May 13, 2002.

1) Reason for Share Buyback

The Company will buyback its shares to enable swift implementation of capital policy to adopt to changes in economic conditions.

2) Overview of Buyback

Type of shares to be acquired: Common stock with par value
Total number of shares to be acquired: 5,000,000 shares (maximum)
Acquisition value of shares to be acquired: ¥7,500 million (maximum)

Reference:

The above mentioned share buyback program will be effective only after it is approved by the General Shareholders' Meeting that will be held on June 26, 2002.