

May 9, 2013

ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

President and Representative Director: Gyo Sagara
Code No: 4528 at the 1st section of the Tokyo / Osaka Stock Exchange
INQUIRIES: Yukio Tani, Director, Corporate Communications

**Announcement on Candidates of Members of the Board of Directors,
Corporate Auditors and Corporate Officers**

Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Osaka, Japan) announced that its Board of Directors meeting held on May 9, 2013 decided the candidates of members of the Board of Directors, Corporate Auditors and Corporate Officers. The candidates of members of the Board of Directors and Corporate Auditors will be submitted for approval to the 65th Annual Shareholders Meeting to be held on June 26, 2013. The changes and appointments of members of the Board of Directors as well as Corporate Officers will be resolved at the Board of Directors meeting to be held on the same day of the Annual Shareholders Meeting.

1. Changes of members of the Board of Directors (as of June 26, 2013): Except for the following new candidates of members of the Board of Directors, incumbent Board of Directors will be re-appointed.

- 1.1 New candidates of members of the Board of Directors

New Position	Name	Current Position
Member of the Board of Directors (External Board Member)	Yutaka Kato	Professor in the Graduate School of Business Administration, Doshisha University External Board Member of Bando Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Member of the Board of Directors (External Board Member)	Jun Kurihara	Research Director of the Canon Institute for Global Studies Visiting Professor of School of Policy Studies at Kwansai Gakuin University

- 1.2 Resigning member of the Board of Directors

- Fumio Takahashi, Member of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officer, Vice Executive Director, Sales and Marketing
(He will serve as a full time Advisor, External Affairs of Sales and Marketing)

2. Changes of Corporate Auditors (as of June 26, 2013):

- 2.1 New candidate of Corporate Auditor

- Michio Tezuka, Corporate Auditor (full time)

- 2.2 Resigning Corporate Auditor

- Shigeo Shimada, Corporate Auditor (full time)
(He will serve as a part-time Advisor)

3. Changes of Corporate Officers (as of June 26, 2013): Except for the following candidates of Corporate Officers, incumbent Corporate Officers will be re-appointed.

3.1 New candidate of Corporate Officer

- Sadanobu Yamashita, Corporate Officer, Executive Director, Production & Distribution

3.2 Resigning Corporate Officer

- Michio Tezuka, Corporate Officer, Director, External Affairs

< **Reference** > The followings are the appointments of members of the Board of Directors, Corporate Auditors as well as Corporate Officers (as of June 26, 2013).

* Candidates of members of the Board of Directors and Corporate Auditors for subject to approval at the 65th Annual Shareholders Meeting

Members of the Board of Directors:

- Gyo Sagara, President, Representative Director, and Chief Executive Officer *
- Hiroshi Awata, Vice President Executive Officer, Executive Director, Clinical Development *
- Kei Sano, Senior Executive Officer, Executive Director, Corporate Management *
- Kazuhito Kawabata, Executive Officer, Executive Director, Discovery and Research & Minase Research Institute *
- Shinji Fujiyoshi, Executive Officer, Executive Director, Sales and Marketing *
- Isao Ono, Corporate Officer, Director, Environment Management *
- Daikichi Fukushima, Corporate Officer, Director, Tsukuba Research Institute and Advanced Medicinal Research *
- Yutaka Kato, External Board Member *
- Jun Kurihara, External Board Member *

Corporate Auditors:

- Katsuyoshi Nishimura, Corporate Auditor (full time)
- Michio Tezuka, Corporate Auditor (full time) *
- Narihito Maishi, External Corporate Auditor
- Yasuo Araki, External Corporate Auditor

Corporate Officers:

- Shozo Matsuoka, Corporate Officer, Director, R&D Strategy Planning
- Hiroshi Ichikawa, Corporate Officer, Director, Nagoya Branch
- Shinpei Futami, Corporate Officer, Director, Tokyo First Branch
- Toichi Takino, Corporate Officer, Executive Director, Corporate Development & Strategy
- Sadanobu Yamashita, Corporate Officer, Executive Director, Production & Distribution