

May 13, 2013

**ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**

President and Representative Director: Gyo Sagara

Code No: 4528 at the 1<sup>st</sup> section of the Tokyo / Osaka Stock Exchange

INQUIRIES: Yukio Tani, Director, Corporate Communications

## Partial Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. resolved at the meeting of Board of Directors held today that partial amendment of its Articles of Incorporation is to be submitted for approval to the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Shareholders Meeting to be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### 1. Reasons for the Amendment

(1) The amendment is intended to set a new provision that the company is able to execute contract with limited liability of External Board Members and External Corporate Auditors based on Article 427-1 of Corporation Law so that the company can develop environments to have talents expected to be External Board Members and External Corporate Auditors.

All Corporate Auditors have agreed to set up a new provision (new Article 22 in the Articles of Incorporation) to execute contract with limited liability of External Board Members.

(2) In connection with setting up such new Article 22, the article number in the Articles of Incorporation will be moved down as needed.

