Translation

February 2, 2011

Name of listed company: Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Code number: 4519 (1st Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange)

Head office: 1-1, Nihonbashi-Muromachi 2-Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

President & CEO: Osamu Nagayama

Inquiries to: Nobuyuki Chiba, General Manager,

Corporate Communications Dept.

Tel: +81-(0)3-3273-0881

Information about Appointment of a New Accounting Auditor

Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (hereafter, Chugai), hereby announces that the company has made a decision at today's Board of Director's meeting to place Appointment of a New Accounting Auditor who is subject to article 193, paragraph 2, clauses 1 and 2, of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act on the agenda for voting at the 100th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. This meeting is scheduled to be convened on March 24, 2011.

This decision was approved by the Board of Corporate Auditors.

1. Details of the accounting auditor

(1)Details of the accounting auditor to be appointed

Name of company: KPMG AZSA LLC

Business address: AZSA Center Bldg., 1-2, Tsukudo-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

(2) Details of the accounting auditor to be replaced

Name of company: Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

Business address: Hibiya Kokusai Bldg., 2-2-3, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

2. Scheduled date of replacement

March 24, 2011 (scheduled date of the 100th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders)

3. Appointed Date of the accounting auditor to be replaced

March 25, 2010

- 4. Opinion on audit report that the accounting auditor to be replaced given within the last three years None
- 5. Reason for the appointment of a new accounting auditor
 - F. Hoffmann-La Roche, Ltd. (hereinafter, Roche), the parent company of Chugai, has adopted a single common audit company policy to enhance operational and cost efficiency. Thereby, in line with the policy, Chugai is preparing to proceed with replacing its currently assigned accounting auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, with KPMG AZSA LLC, a member firm of KPMG International Cooperative, with whom KPMG AG, the accounting auditor for Roche, is affiliated.
- 6. Opinion of the accounting auditor to be replaced about above (5) Chugai is informed that the accounting auditor to be replaced has no particular opinion.