



## Translation

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Name of listed company: Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.  
Code number: 4519 (1<sup>st</sup> Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange)  
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## Information about Plan to Appoint a New Accounting Auditor

Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (hereafter, Chugai), hereby announces that the company has made a decision at today's Corporate Executive Committee to proceed with appointment of a new accounting auditor subject to the approval by its shareholders.

### 1. 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.

Chugai has made the above decision at today's Corporate Executive Committee, and is now releasing this information immediately in order to advance the process in a quick and efficient manner.

### 2. 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

### 3. 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

### 4. Scheduled time for decision on submission to annual general meeting of shareholders:

February, 2011  
(Timely disclosure regarding the appointment of the new accounting auditor will be made in due course.)

### 5. Scheduled date of official replacement:

March, 2011 (On the date scheduled for the 100th annual general meeting of shareholders)