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ASKUL Comments on Certain Media Reports about Its Business Development

Today, certain media ran an article on ASKUL's business development. It is true that ASKUL is preparing to start the new service of offering over-the-counter (OTC) drugs online, including first- and second-class OTC drugs.

As a first step, ASKUL plans to start selling third-class OTC drugs on June 18, 2013. Further details will be announced as soon as they are finalized on the LOHACO site (http://lohaco.jp/) and other media.

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