December 16, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Name of Listed Company:	ASKUL Corporation (Code No.: 2678, Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section)
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Company Name:	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.
Representative:	Hiroshi Motoyama President and CEO
Name:	Yoshihisa Imaizumi Representative Director & Chairman
Company Name:	PLUS Corporation
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Mizuho Securities, Yoshihisa Imaizumi and Others Purchase ASKUL Shares (Code No.: 2678)

ASKUL Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”) hereby announces that Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. plans to purchase shares in the Company on December 17, 2013 as stated in attached material. In addition, Mr. Yoshihisa Imaizumi, Representative Director and Chairman of PLUS Corporation, the Company’s second largest shareholder, jointly with his family members plans to purchase the shares in the Company from Mizuho Securities on December 18, 2013 as stated in attached material.

This material is based on separate requests made to the Company (the target of this accumulation) by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. and Mr. Yoshihisa Imaizumi, Representative Director and Chairman of PLUS Corporation, the Company's second largest shareholder, (both are purchasers of the shares), and serves also as an official announcement in accordance with Article 30-1 (4) of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

Attached materials

Attachment: "Purchase of Shares" by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Attachment: "Purchase of Shares" by Yoshihisa Imaizumi

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Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Purchase of Shares

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”) today announced that it plans to purchase the shares as described below in off-floor trading in a financial instruments exchange market on December 17, 2013. This purchase falls under acts equivalent to the tender offer as stipulated by Article 167-1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and Article 31 of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

This purchase is to be carried out in response to the needs to sell the shares by multiple existing shareholders of the target company (hereinafter referred to as “this transaction”). These shareholders together intend to purchase the same number of shares in the target company from the Company before market opening in off-floor trading in a financial instruments exchange market on December 18, 2013, and the Company intends to sell the shares in response.
Also, the Company has received a report that another securities company is planning to do a similar transaction of another 1,000 voting rights, representing 0.19% of the total voting rights, simultaneously with this transaction in response to the need to sell the shares by one of the customers of this transaction.

Company code	Company name	Number of total voting rights being purchased	Ratio to total voting rights
2678	ASKUL	31,104	5.72%

* Calculated based on the total voting rights of 543,666 as of November 20, 2013.

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To whom it may concern:

Name: Yoshihisa Imaizumi
Company: PLUS Corporation
Title: Representative Director and Chairman

Purchase of Shares

I, Yoshihisa Imaizumi, who is the representative director and chairman of PLUS Corporation, jointly with my family members, intend to purchase the shares as described below in off-floor trading in a financial instruments exchange market. This purchase falls under acts equivalent to the tender offer as stipulated by Article 167-1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and Article 31 of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

Of the purchase described below, 2,156 voting rights (representing 0.40% of the total voting rights) are made on my own account.

Company code	Company name	Number of total voting rights being purchased	Ratio to total voting rights
2678	ASKUL	32,104	5.91%

* Calculated based on the total voting rights of 543,666 as of November 20, 2013.