

# Kao Corporation

## Notice Regarding the Status of Purchase of the Company's Stock and its Completion

### (Stock Purchase in accordance with Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Article 165, paragraph 2 of the Corporation Law)

April 8, 2013

Kao Corporation (the "Company"— *Ticker Code:4452*) hereby makes the following announcement: the Company has purchased the Company's stock from the market in accordance with Article 156 of the Corporation Law applicable pursuant to Article 165, paragraph 3 of the said Law, and the resolution made at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 5, 2013. Upon the completion of the following purchases, the Company has completed the purchase pursuant to the above-noted resolution.

Type of purchased shares:	Common stock of the Company
Total number of purchased shares:	1,306,600 shares
Total amount of the purchases:	3,954,010,300 yen
Period of purchases:	From April 1, 2013 to April 5, 2013
Method of purchases:	Purchased from the market at Tokyo Stock Exchange

#### Reference:

1. Information regarding the resolution made at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 5, 2013

Type of shares to be purchased:	Common stock of the Company
Total number of shares to be purchased:	Up to 12,500,000 shares (2.4% of total outstanding shares as of December 31, 2012)
Total amount of the purchases:	Up to 30,000,000,000 yen
Period of purchases:	From February 6, 2013 to April 26, 2013

2. Total number of purchased shares of the Company's stock from the market pursuant to the above-noted resolution and total amount of the purchases:

Total number of purchased shares:	9,986,600 shares
Total amount of the purchases:	29,999,740,000 yen

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