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Announcement Regarding Decision on Matters Concerning Acquisition and Cancellation of Treasury Stock

(Acquisition of treasury stock pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 165 of the Companies Act and Cancellation of treasury stock pursuant to the provisions of Article 178 of the Companies Act)

ASKUL Corporation (the "Company") announces that its Board of Directors passed a resolution in a meeting held today on the acquisition of treasury stock in accordance with the provisions of Article 156 as applied by replacing terms pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Article 165 Companies Act and the cancellation of treasury stock pursuant to the provisions of Article 178 of the Companies Act.

1. Reason for the acquisition and the cancellation of treasury stock

Regarding the distribution of profits, the Company's policy is to, while maintaining sound cash flow and a stable financial structure, it aims to secure internal reserves as investment capital for the growth necessary to enhance corporate value over the medium to long term as well as to improve shareholder returns and capital efficiency. To this end, the Company has set a target total return ratio of 45% and will pay stable dividends to shareholders and systematically acquire treasury stock.

For the fiscal year ended May 2024, the Company has set total amount of shares to be acquired at 4.5 billion yen and proceeded the acquisition of treasury stock. However, the total return ratio was 41.8% as a result of the profit attributable to owners of parent exceeding the plan (calculated based on the assumption that the 4.5 billion yen resolved on March 15, 2024 was acquired in full amount by the end of the fiscal year ended May 2024).

Regarding acquisition of treasury stock for the fiscal year ending 2025, based on the shareholder return policy targeting a total return ratio of 45%, the Company has set the total amount of shares to be acquired at 2 billion yen. This includes the total amount of shares to be acquired calculated based on a forecasted annual dividend of 38 yen per share, along with an additional portion reflecting the surplus in the profit attributable to owners of the parent for the fiscal year ended May 2024, which exceeded the initial plan.

Although the Company plans to use its own funds for this acquisition, it expects to be able to maintain financial soundness and security, as the Company will have sufficient liquidity even after the acquisition and expect to accumulate cash and deposits through stable cash flow generated from its business operations.

2. Details of the acquisition

(1) Type of shares to be acquired	Common stock of the Company
(2) Total number of shares to be acquired	Up to 1,000,000 shares (1.03% of the total outstanding shares excluding treasury stock as of May 20, 2024)
(3) Total amount of shares to be acquired	Up to 2,000,000,000 yen
(4) Acquisition period	September 17, 2024 to December 20, 2024
(5) Acquisition method	Market purchase through a discretionary transaction method
(6) Other	In accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article 178 of the Companies Act, the Company intends to cancel the treasury stock acquired through this acquisition immediately after the acquisition is completed, except for 100,000 shares. The total number of shares to be cancelled and the scheduled date of cancellation will be announced once confirmed.

3. Details of the cancellation

(1) Type of shares to be cancelled	Common stock of the Company
(2) Total number of shares to be cancelled	1,893,400 shares (All shares excluding 150,000 shares of treasury stock acquired between March 18, 2024 and August 9, 2024)
(3) Scheduled date of the cancellation	September 20, 2024

(Reference) Treasury stock held as of May 20, 2024

Total number of outstanding shares (excluding treasury stock)	96,754,225 shares
Treasury stock	810,475 shares