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**Notice Concerning the Status of the Acquisition of  
the Company's Own Shares**

(Acquisition of the Company's own shares pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation based on the provision of paragraph 2 of Article 165 of the Companies Act)

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) announced the status of the Company's own share acquisition as stated below. The acquisition was implemented pursuant to the provision of Article 156 of the Companies Act, as applied under the Act's provision of paragraph 3 of Article 165.

1. Type of shares: Common stock
2. Total number of shares: 45,193 shares
3. Total amount: Yen 15,410,802,500
4. Period: From February 9, 2011 to February 28, 2011 (contract basis)
5. Method: Acquisition through market trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange via trust bank

(Reference)

1. Outline of the Board of Directors' resolution as of February 7, 2011
  - (1) Type of shares: Common stock
  - (2) Total number of shares: Up to 65,000 shares  
(0.68% of the total shares issued and outstanding excluding the Company's own shares)
  - (3) Total amount: Up to Yen 20,000,000,000
  - (4) Period: From February 9, 2011 to March 23, 2011
2. Accumulated Company's own shares acquired through February 28, 2011, pursuant to the above board resolution
  - (1) Total number of shares acquired: 45,193 shares
  - (2) Total amount of share acquisition: Yen 15,410,802,500

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