Notice of Decision to Launch a Share Buyback

(Buyback of Company Shares Based on the Articles of Incorporation and Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act)

Kuraray Co., Ltd. (the "Company") announces that at a meeting of its Board of Directors on May 15, 2018, the Company resolved to launch a buyback of its own shares pursuant to the provisions in Article 156 of the Companies Act, as applied mutatis mutandis to the provisions of Article 165, paragraph 3 of the Companies Act.

1. Reasons for Share Buyback
   The Company will conduct a share buyback to enable flexible capital strategies in the future, enhance shareholder returns, and improve capital efficiency.

2. Details of the Share Buyback
   (1) Type of shares in buyback: Common stock
   (2) Maximum number of shares: Up to 2.2 million shares
      (Approximately 0.63% of total outstanding shares, excluding treasury stock)
   (3) Maximum value of buyback: Up to ¥4.0 billion
   (4) Buyback method: Market purchase based on a trade contract for acquiring treasury stock
   (5) Buyback period: May 16, 2018 to October 31, 2018

Reference: Treasury stock as of March 31, 2018
Total outstanding shares: 350,855,503 shares, excluding treasury stock
Total treasury stock: 4,008,100 shares