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News Release

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Regarding Prosecution against the Company
by the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors' Office

While Olympus Corporation (the "Company") announced in the press release dated March 6, 2012 that the Company confirmed that the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission filed a formal complaint with prosecutors of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors' Office against the Company on suspicion of breach of the Securities and Exchange Act and the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (filing of annual securities reports with false statements), the Company hereby announces that the Company has received a notice that the prosecutor of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors' Office has prosecuted the Company by the charged facts that are substantially the same as those described in the formal complaint.

The Company takes the prosecution by the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors' Office with utmost seriousness and will continue to make every endeavor to enhance the corporate governance systems.

The Company would like to take this opportunity once again to offer sincerely its deepest apologies to shareholders, investors, business partners, customers, and all other relevant parties for all inconvenience caused.

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