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## **Notice Regarding Intentions to enter a Share Transfer Agreement for the Shares of Hitachi Displays, Ltd.**

At a Board of Directors meeting held on November 15, 2011, Canon Inc. (the “Company”) passed a resolution to enter a share transfer agreement under which the Company would sell all the shares it holds in Hitachi Displays, Ltd., to Hitachi, Ltd.

Since March 2008, the Company has had a stake in Hitachi Displays, Ltd. In regards to the establishment of Japan Display K.K., a joint venture between Toshiba Corporation (“Toshiba”), Sony Corporation (“Sony”), Hitachi, Ltd.(Hitachi) and Innovation Network Corporation of Japan (“INCJ”), its main shareholder, Hitachi made a request to purchase all of the shares held by the Company. After reviewing this request, the Company decided to cooperate, as the establishment of Japan Display K.K. would enhance strengths in small- and medium-sized display and OLED technologies as well as contribute to improved features of devices which will be used in the Company’s products.

There is no change to the consolidated financial forecasts for Canon Inc. due to this case.

### **Outline of Hitachi Displays**

- 1) Company name : Hitachi Displays, Ltd.
- 2) President : Yoshiyuki Imoto
- 3) Headquarters : Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- 4) Established : October 1, 2002
- 5) Main businesses : Design, manufacture, and sales of small & medium-sized LCD panels and related products, as well as maintenance and services
- 6) Fiscal year-end : March 31
- 7) No. of employees : Approx. 2,600 (As of March 31, 2011)
- 8) Capital : 35.2 billion yen (As of March 31, 2011)
- 9) Shareholdings : Hitachi, Ltd. : 75.1%,  
Canon Inc. : 24.9% (As of March 31, 2011)
- 10) Sales : 150.8 billion yen (Fiscal year ended March 31, 2011)

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