

Canon Inc.

Chairman & CEO: Fujio Mitarai

Securities code: 7751

[Tokyo (First section) and other Stock Exchanges]

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Notice Concerning Change of Representative Director

At the meeting of its Board of Directors held on January 30, 2008, Canon Inc. (the "Company") tentatively approved a change of the Company's Representative Director as follows.

The change is scheduled to be resolved at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the 107th Business Term and the following Board of Directors' meeting to be held on March 28, 2008.

1. Reason of change

To further reinforce management structure, amid expansion of the Company's scale and scope of business activities

2. Profile of the Representative Director to be newly appointed

New Title Representative Director & Executive Vice President

Name Toshizo Tanaka

Place of Birth Aichi Prefecture, Japan

Educational Background March 1964, Graduated from Keio University, Economics

Dept.

Date of Birth October 8, 1940

Business Career See attached.

3. Scheduled Date of Appointment

March 28, 2008

Business Career

Toshizo Tanaka Executive Vice President Canon Inc.

April	1964,	Joined Canon Camera Co. Inc. (March 1969, Company name changed to Canon Inc.)
February	1968,	Transferred to Canon U.S.A., Inc.
January	1977,	Manager; Accounting Dept. Tamagawa Plant; Canon Inc.
January	1978,	Transferred to Canon U.S.A., Inc.
February	1988,	General Manager; Accounting Div.; Canon Inc.
January	1992,	Deputy Group Executive; Finance & Accounting Headquarters
April	1993,	Advisory Director
March	1995,	Director
April	1995,	Director, Group Executive; Finance & Accounting Headquarters
March	1997,	Managing Director
April	1998,	Managing Director, Group Executive; Finance & Accounting Headquarters, Logistics Headquarters
January	1999,	Managing Director, Group Executive; Finance & Accounting Headquarters
March	2001,	Senior Managing Director
January	2007,	Senior Managing Director, Group Executive; Finance & Accounting Headquarters, Policy & Economy Research Headquarters
March	2007,	Executive Vice President (Current)
April	2007,	Executive Vice President, Group Executive; Policy & Economy Research Headquarters (Current)