

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 27, 2011, 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 110th Business Term and the following Board of Directors' meeting to be held on March 30, 2011.

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 Toshiaki Ikoma Place of Birth Tokyo, Japan

Educational Background Bachelors Degree in 1963, Masters Degree in 1965, Ph.D. in

1968, all in Electronics from the University of Tokyo

Date of Birth March 5, 1941 Business Career See attached.

3. Scheduled Date of Appointment

March 30, 2011

Business Career

Toshiaki Ikoma Executive Vice President Canon Inc.

April	2005,	Joined Canon Inc. Adviser of the Company
July	2007,	R&D Adviser
January	2008,	Special R&D Adviser
January	2009,	Group Executive, Corporate R&D Headquarters
March	2009,	Executive Vice President & CTO (Present)
July	2009,	Chief Executive, Optical Products Operations
January	2011,	Group Executive, Corporate R&D Headquarters (Present)