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Notice Regarding Retained Earnings Dividend

At a Board of Directors meeting held on July 25, 2011, Canon Inc. (the “Company”) passed a resolution regarding distribution of a retained earnings dividend, record date June 30, 2011, as follows.

1. Dividend Details

	Determined amount	Most recent dividend forecast (Announced April 26, 2011)	Previous period result (First half of fiscal 2010)
Record date	June 30, 2011	Same as on the left	June 30, 2010
Dividend per share	60 yen	Undetermined	55 yen
Total dividend amount	72,934 million yen		68,206 million yen
Effective date	August 26, 2011		August 27, 2010
Dividend resource	Retained earnings		Retained earnings

2. Reason

The Company works to provide a stable return and actively return profits to shareholders, mainly in the form of a dividend, taking into consideration medium-term profit forecasts along with planned future investments, cash flow and other factors.

The Company plans to distribute an interim dividend of ¥60 per share for the first half of fiscal 2011, half the amount of the annual dividend paid out in fiscal 2010, to provide a stable return to shareholders. The year-end dividend, however, has yet to be decided.