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[Tokyo (First Section) and other Stock Exchanges]

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Canon Inc. to Acquire Own Shares

(Under the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation
pursuant to paragraph 2, Article 165 of the Corporation Law of Japan)

At the Board of Directors meeting held on February 2, 2012, Canon Inc. (the “Company”) resolved to acquire its own shares under Article 156, as applied pursuant to paragraph 3, Article 165, of the Corporation Law, as follows.

1. Reason for acquisition of own shares

The Company decided to acquire its own shares with the aim of improving capital efficiency and ensuring a flexible capital strategy that provides for such future transactions as share exchanges.

2. Details of acquisition

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| 1) Type of shares to be acquired: | Shares of common stock |
| 2) Total number of shares to be acquired: | Up to 16.0 million shares
(Equivalent to 1.3% of outstanding shares
(Excluding treasury stock)) |
| 3) Total cost of acquisition: | Up to 50 billion yen |
| 4) Period of acquisition: | From February 3, 2012 to March 19, 2012 |

(Reference) Possession of treasury stock as of January 31, 2012

Number of outstanding shares (Excluding treasury stock)	1,201,532,076 shares
Number of treasury stock	132,231,388 shares