

CANON INC  
Form 6-K  
January 28, 2011

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
**Report of Foreign Issuer**  
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of .....**January**..... , **2011**

**CANON INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

30-2, Shimomaruko 3-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo 146-8501, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes                      No                     

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**CANON INC.**

(Registrant)

Date.....**January 27, 2011**.....

By...../s/..... Masashiro Kobayashi

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(Signature)\*

Masashiro Kobayashi  
General Manager  
Global Finance Management Center  
Canon Inc.

\*Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

The following materials are included.

1. Notice Concerning Change of Representative Director
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January 27, 2011

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

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Attached Document

**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)