

CANON INC
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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 **December** **2014** ,

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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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 . **December 11, 2014**

By /s/ . Shinichi Aoyama
(Signature)*

Shinichi Aoyama
General Manager
Consolidated Accounting Div.
Canon Inc.

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

The following materials are included.

1. Notice Regarding Projected Dividend for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

(the 114th Business Term)

December 11, 2014

Canon Inc.

Chairman & CEO: Fujio Mitarai

Securities code: 7751

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Notice Regarding Projected Dividend for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

(the 114th Business Term)

At a Board of Directors meeting held on December 11, 2014, Canon Inc. (the Company) passed a resolution regarding the projected year-end dividend per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 (the 114th Business Term) as follows.

1. Basic Policy Regarding Profit Distribution and Dividend for the Period

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.

In the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, the business environment remains challenging, characterized by, among other factors, prolonged global economic weakness. Thanks to efforts to strengthen product competitiveness and the Company's financial position through a management focus on profitability and cash flow, however, the Company expects to achieve its second consecutive year of sales and profit growth as well as generate sufficient cash.

Taking this into consideration and to provide a stable return and actively return profits to shareholders, the Company decided to distribute a year-end dividend of 85 yen per share, which is a 20 yen increase from the year-end dividend of last year.

The Company's projection for consolidated results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, is provided below and remains unchanged since being announced on October 27, 2014.

2. Details of the Projected Dividend

| Record date | Mid-term | Dividend per share | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | Year-end | Full Year |
| Previous projection | | Not yet determined | Not yet determined |
| Current projection | | 85.00 yen | 150.00 yen |
| Actual | 65.00 yen | | |
| Previous year's dividend payout | 65.00 yen | 65.00 yen | 130.00 yen |

(Fiscal year ending December 31, 2009)

For reference, projected consolidated results for year ending December 31, 2014 (announced October 27, 2014)

(Millions of yen, except per share amounts)

| | Fiscal year ending | Percent change |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | December 31, 2014 | (year-over-year) |
| Net sales | 3,740,000 | +0.2% |
| Operating profit | 370,000 | +9.7% |
| Income before income taxes | 380,000 | +9.3% |
| Net income attributable to Canon Inc. | 250,000 | +8.5% |
| Net income attributable to Canon Inc. | 224.28 | |

stockholders per share yen