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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 . February

2012

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)
[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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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 X

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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 . February 2, 2012.

By /s/ Masashiro Kobayashi (Signature)*

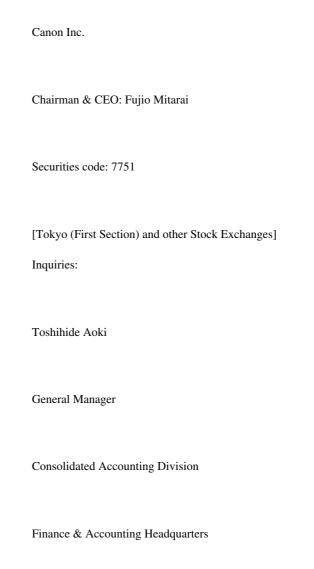
Masashiro Kobayashi Deputy Senior General Manager Global Finance Accounting Center Canon Inc.

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

The following materials are included.

1. Canon Inc. to Acquire Own Shares

February 2, 2012



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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

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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

Type of shares to be acquired:
 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