

CANON INC  
Form 6-K  
December 27, 2004

**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 2004

**CANON INC.**

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
30-2, Shimomaruko 3-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo 146-8501, Japan

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(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.**

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(Registrant)

Date December 27, 2004

By \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Hiroshi Kawashimo

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(Signature)\*

Hiroshi Kawashimo  
General Manager, Finance Division  
Canon Inc.

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

The following materials are included.

1. Notice regarding the dividend for fiscal year ending December 2004 (the 104<sup>th</sup> Business Term) (media release)
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**Notice regarding the dividend for fiscal year ending December 2004 (the 104<sup>th</sup> Business Term)**

At a Board of Directors meeting held on December 24, 2004, a decision was made to propose the following year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending December 2004 (the 104<sup>th</sup> Business Term) at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in late March 2005.

**1. Reason for Dividend Revision**

Since record consolidated and non-consolidated financial results are expected for the fiscal year ending December 2004, and in response to continued shareholder support, the following upward revision was made to the year-end dividend projection for one share.

**2. Details of the Revision**

	<b>Mid-term</b>	<b>Year-end</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
Previous Projection (July 28, 2004)	25.00 yen	25.00 yen	50.00 yen
Current Revision	25.00 yen	40.00 yen	65.00 yen
(For reference) Previous Year's Result	15.00 yen	35.00 yen	50.00 yen

Canon Inc.  
December 24, 2004