

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 **October**

2017

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 . **October 24, 2017**

By ..s/ Eiji Shimizu
(Signature)*

Eiji Shimizu
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 Including 80th Anniversary Commemorative Dividend for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017 (the 117th Business Term)

October 24, 2017

Canon Inc.

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Notice Regarding Projected Dividend Including 80th Anniversary

Commemorative Dividend for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

(the 117th Business Term)

At a Board of Directors meeting held on October 24, 2017, Canon Inc. (the Company) passed a resolution regarding the projected year-end dividend per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 (the 117th Business Term) as follows.

1. Awarding a Commemorative Dividend for the 80th Anniversary of the Company's Establishment

The fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, marks the 80th anniversary of the Company's establishment. To commemorate this, and to show the Company's appreciation for the ongoing assistance of its shareholders, the Company plans to award a commemorative dividend of 10.00 yen per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

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

The Company works to provide a stable and active return to shareholders, mainly in the form of a dividend, comprehensively taking into consideration medium-term profit forecasts, planned future investments, cash flow, and other factors.

In the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the Company is making steady progress in business structure transformation. This is due to the improved ability of existing businesses to generate profits and the expansion of new

businesses. In addition to this, management efficiency has improved thanks to comprehensive cash flow management. Reflecting this situation, to provide a stable and active return to shareholders, the Company plans to distribute a regular year-end dividend of 75.00 yen per share. Together with the commemorative dividend described above, the total value of the planned year-end dividend is 85.00 yen per share, bringing the full-year total to 160 yen.

3. Details of the Revision

Record date	Mid-term	Dividend per share Year-end	Full Year
Previous projection		Not yet	Not yet
Current projection		determined 85.00 yen	determined 160.00 yen
		(Regular dividend: 75.00 yen)	(Regular dividend: 150.00 yen)
		(Commemorative dividend: 10.00 yen)	(Commemorative dividend: 10.00 yen)
Actual	75.00 yen		
Previous year's dividend payout (Fiscal year ending December 31, 2016)	75.00 yen	75.00 yen	150.00 yen

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