

CANON INC  
Form 6-K  
July 27, 2018

**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 **July** **2018** ,

**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 . **July 26, 2018**

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 Retained Earnings Dividend

July 26, 2018

Canon Inc.

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Notice Regarding Retained Earnings Dividend

At a Board of Directors meeting held on July 26, 2018, Canon Inc. (the Company) passed a resolution regarding distribution of a retained earnings dividend, record date June 30, 2018, as follows.

## 1. Dividend Details

	Determined	Most recent	Previous period
	amount	dividend forecast	result
		(Announced April 25, 2018)	(First half of fiscal year
			2017)
Record date	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Dividend per share	80 yen	Undetermined	75 yen
Total dividend	86,380 million yen		80,982 million yen
amount			
Effective date	August 27, 2018		August 28, 2017
Dividend resource	Retained earnings		Retained earnings

## 2. Reason

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 investment, cash flow and other factors.

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As for the interim dividend, from a stable return to shareholders perspective, and on the assumption that the commemorative dividend of ¥10 is incorporated into the ordinary dividend, the Company plans to distribute a dividend of ¥80, which is half of last year's full-year dividend of ¥160. The year-end dividend has yet to be decided.