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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2006
Commission File Number: 001-06439

SONY CORPORATION
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

7-35 KITASHINAGAWA 6-CHOME, SHINAGAWA-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN

(Address of principal executive offices)

The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F.

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

Form 20-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

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____

SIGNATURE

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.

SONY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

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By: /s/ Nobuyuki Oneda
(Signature)
Nobuyuki Oneda
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 11, 2006

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

i) Press release announcing Sale of Shares in Monex Beans Holdings, Inc.

For Information

December 11, 2006
Sony Corporation

Sale of Shares in Monex Beans Holdings, Inc.

Sony Corporation today announced that it has sold a portion of its shareholdings in Monex Beans Holdings, Inc. ("Monex Beans"). Details are as stated below.

1. Sales of the Shares

(1) Number of shares sold

58,750 shares
(Approximately 2.5% of outstanding shares of Monex Beans)

(2) Remaining Shares of Monex Beans held by Sony after the sale

181,650 shares
(Approximately 7.7% of outstanding shares of Monex Beans)

2. Impact on Operating Performance of Sony

Sony estimates that the above sales of shares will contribute approximately 3.5 billion yen to consolidated income before income taxes. The impact of this contribution was incorporated within the outlook for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, announced on October 19, 2006.
