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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 February 2008  
Commission File Number: 001-06439

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

1-7-1 KONAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, 108-0075, 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  X

Form 40-F  \_\_

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

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: February 26, 2008

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

- i) Press release announcing Sharp and Sony sign Memorandum of Intent to create Joint Venture for Large Sized LCD Panels/Modules

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Sharp Corporation  
Sony Corporation

Sharp and Sony sign Memorandum of Intent  
to create Joint Venture for Large Sized LCD Panels/Modules

Sharp Corporation ("Sharp") and Sony Corporation ("Sony") announced that today they signed a non-binding memorandum of intent to establish a joint venture to produce and sell large sized LCD panels and modules, by splitting out from Sharp an LCD panel plant now under construction in Sakai City, Osaka Prefecture which will use 10th generation mother glass substrates. Certain information concerning the joint venture is outlined below, and the two companies will negotiate in good faith to enter into legally binding joint venture documentation by September 30, 2008.

The parties will aim through this collaboration to further strengthen Sharp's advanced LCD display technologies and Sony's competitiveness in the TV market.

Once the joint venture agreement is entered into and becomes effective, and subject to receipt of necessary government approvals, the new joint venture will seek to maximize the advantages gained from using the world's first 10th generation glass substrates to produce large sized LCD panels and modules that deliver the industry's highest levels of quality, cost and performance. These will then be supplied to Sharp and Sony in quantities corresponding to their respective investments. Sharp and Sony will also discuss and study the possibility to jointly develop components for LCD modules to further reinforce their mutual cooperation.

The new company will endeavor to rapidly establish full and stable manufacturing operations at a new state of the art facility producing large sized LCD panels, and, in coordination with other companies concerned, will realize the vision of "Manufacturing Complex for the 21st Century".

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### New Company Overview

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- Company Name: To be determined
  - Location: Sakaihamama District, Sakai-ku, Sakai City,  
Osaka Prefecture
  - Date of Establishment: Scheduled for April, 2009 (pending further discussion)
  - Start of Operations: By the end of FY 2009 (planned)
  - Capital: To be determined (Sharp: 66%, Sony:34%)
  - Total Investment: To be determined (Sharp: 66%, Sony:34%)
  - Operations: Production of large sized LCD panels/modules  
(for LCD TVs) for sale to Sharp and Sony
  - Production Capacity: 72,000 substrates per month (initially 36,000 substrates  
panels/month)  
(Mother Glass Substrate input basis)