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ADVANTEST CORPORATION

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Notice Concerning Distribution of Dividends from Surplus

At a meeting held on October 28, 2009, the Board of Directors resolved the expected amount of a distribution of surplus (“Interim dividends”) the record date of which is September 30, 2009. In relation to the above, we hereby inform you of the following:

1. Details of Interim dividends

	Interim dividends for FY2009	Previous announced (July 29, 2009)	Interim dividends for FY2008
Record date	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
Dividend per share	5.00 yen	Undecided	25.00 yen
Total amount of dividends	894 million yen	-	4,468 million yen
Effective date	December 1, 2009	-	December 1, 2008
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	-	Retained earnings

2. Reason for the dividend amount

The Company's policy with respect to dividends is that, while aiming to make consistent distributions, because of the fluctuation of the market in which it operates, the Company makes dividend payouts following a target payout ratio of 20% or more.

Due to the unclear outlook of the business environment, we announced interim and year-end dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, as ‘Undecided’ on July 29, 2009. After comprehensive consideration of current conditions, the company has decided interim dividend as above. Our forecast for the year-end dividend will continue to be ‘Undecided’ because the outlook of business environment remains unclear. It will be announced as soon as it is decided.

3. Details of Dividends for the fiscal year

Record date	Dividend per share (yen)		
	Interim	Year-end	Annual total
Forecast		Undecided	Undecided
Dividends for FY2009 (ending March 31, 2010)	5.00		
Dividends for FY2008 (ended March 31, 2009)	25.00	5.00	30.00

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