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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 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,

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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: May 09, 2006

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

- i) Press release announcing Sony's PLAYSTATION(R)3 Launches on November 11, 2006 in Japan
- ii) Press release announcing Sony's PLAYSTATION(R)3 Launches on November 17, 2006 in North America
- iii) Press release announcing Sony's PLAYSTATION(R)3 Launches on November 17, 2006 across mainland Europe and Australasia

PLAYSTATION(R)3 LAUNCHES
ON NOVEMBER 11, 2006 IN JAPAN
Equipped with Blu-ray and Pre-Installed HDD
Available at JPY59,800 (20GB HDD) and Open Price (60GB HDD)

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About Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.

Recognized as the global leader and company responsible for the progression of consumer-based computer entertainment, Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. (SCEI) manufacturers, distributes and markets the PlayStation(R) game console, the PlayStation(R)2 computer entertainment system, the PSP(R) (PlayStation(R) Portable) handheld entertainment system and the upcoming, much-anticipated PLAYSTATION(R)3 system. PlayStation has revolutionized home entertainment by introducing advanced 3D graphic processing, and PlayStation 2 further enhances the PlayStation legacy as the core of home networked entertainment. PSP is a new handheld entertainment system that allows users to enjoy 3D games, with high-quality full-motion video, and high-fidelity stereo audio. PLAYSTATION 3 is an advanced computer system, incorporating the state-of-the-art Cell processor with super computer like power. SCEI, along with its subsidiary divisions Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., Sony Computer Entertainment Europe Ltd., and Sony Computer Entertainment Korea Inc. develops, publishes, markets and distributes software, and manages the third party licensing programs for these platforms in the respective markets worldwide. Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. is an independent business unit of the Sony Group.

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PLAYSTATION(R) 3

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| Product name | PLAYSTATION(R) 3 | | |
| CPU | Cell Processor | | |
| GPU | RSX(R) | | |
| Sound | Dolby 5.1ch, DTS, LPCM, etc. (Cell-based processing) | | |
| Memory | 256MB XDR Main RAM, 256MB GDDR3 VRAM | | |
| HDD | 2.5" Serial ATA | 0 (20GB) | 0 (60GB) |
| I/O | USB 2.0 | | 0 (x4) |
| | MemoryStick /SD/ CompactFlash | - | 0 |
| Communication | Ethernet | 0 (x1 / 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T) | |
| | IEEE 802.11 b/g | - | 0 |
| | Bluetooth 2.0 (EDR) | | 0 |
| Wireless controller (Bluetooth) | | | 0 |
| AV Output | Screen size | 480i, 480p, 720p, 1080i, 1080p | |
| | HDMI OUT | - | 0 (x1 / HDMI NextGen) |
| | AV MULTI OUT | | 0 (x1) |
| | DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL) | | 0 (x1) |
| BD/DVD/CD Drive (Read Only) | Maximum Read Speed | BD 2x (BD-ROM) | |
| | | DVD 8x (DVD-ROM) | |
| | | CD 24x (CD-ROM) | |
| | | SACD 2x | |
| Dimensions | Approximately 325mm (W) x 98mm (H) x 274mm (D) | | |
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PLAYSTATION(R)3 LAUNCHES
ON NOVEMBER 17, 2006 IN NORTH AMERICA
Equipped with Blu-ray and Pre-Installed HDD
United States: US \$499 (20GB HDD) and US \$599 (60GB HDD)
Canada: CAN \$549 (20GB HDD) and CAN \$659 (60GB HDD)

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Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc. continues to redefine the entertainment lifestyle with its PlayStation(R) and PS one TM game console, the PlayStation(R)2 computer entertainment system, the PSP TM (PlayStation(R)Portable) system and the upcoming, much-anticipated PLAYSTATION(R)3 system. Recognized as the undisputed industry leader, Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc. markets the PlayStation family of products and develops, publishes, markets and distributes software for the PS one game console, the PlayStation 2 computer entertainment system and the PSP system for the North American market. Based in Foster City, Calif. Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc. serves as headquarters for all North American operations and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. More information can be found online at <http://www.us.playstation.com>

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Los Angeles, May 8, 2006 - Sony Computer Entertainment Europe (SCEE) announced today that it would launch PLAYSTATION(R)3 (PS3) in "Clear Black" throughout mainland Europe and Australasia on November 17, 2006, as part of a worldwide simultaneous launch.

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About Sony Computer Entertainment Europe Ltd.

Sony Computer Entertainment Europe (SCEE), based in London, is responsible for the distribution, marketing and sales of PlayStation(R)2 and PSP TM (PlayStation (R)Portable) software and hardware in 104 territories across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Oceania. SCEE also develops, publishes, markets and distributes entertainment software for these formats, and manages the third party licensing programs for the platforms in these territories. Between its European debut on 24th November 2000 and the end of March 2006, over 38 million PlayStation(R)2

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consoles have been shipped across the SCEE territories, over 103 million worldwide, making it one of the most successful consumer electronic products in history. Between its European debut on 1st September 2005 and the end of March 2006, over 5 million PSP systems have been shipped across the SCEE territories, with over 17 million shipped worldwide since its Japanese launch in December 2004.

More information about PlayStation products can be found at www.playstation.com and www.yourpsp.com or visit the Virtual Press Office at www.scee.presscentre.com.

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