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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 July 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  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: July 3, 2006

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

- i) Press release announcing Appointment of a temporary independent auditor

Sony Corporation  
6-7-35 Kitashinagawa  
Shinagawa-ku  
Tokyo 141-0001

July 3, 2006  
No. 06-056E

Appointment of a temporary independent auditor

Sony Corporation would like to announce that the Audit Committee met today and passed a resolution appointing a temporary independent auditor in accordance with the Company Law Article 346-4 and 346-7, for Japanese law purposes.

1.Reason for the Appointment

ChuoAoyama accounting firm was suspended from auditing for purposes of the Japanese legislative audit (note: SEC audit based on the U.S.GAAP is excluded.)by order of the Financial Services Agency for the period July 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006. Accordingly, they have lost the status and resigned from being Sony's independent auditor for the Japanese legislative audit. We have appointed "PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata" as our temporary independent auditor to avoid the absence of an independent auditor under the Company Law for that period.

2.Outgoing Independent Auditor

Name: ChuoAoyama PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Address: 3-2-5, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

3.Incoming Independent Auditor

Name: PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata  
Address: 1-8-3, Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

4.Date of Engagement

July 3, 2006