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Announcement regarding Change of Major Shareholder

Please be informed that, the change of a major shareholder of Advantest Corporation (“Advantest”) will occur on November 10, 2017.

1. Reason of the Change:

Notice was received from Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., which is a major shareholder of Advantest, that Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. has sold the number of 4,895,100 Advantest’s shares today. Therefore, our major shareholder will be changed as follows.

2. Date of the change:

November 10, 2017

3. Overview of shareholder subject to planned change:

(1) Name:	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.
(2) Address:	Otemachi First Square 1-5-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004, Japan
(3) Name and Title of representative:	President: Tatsufumi Sakai
(4) Content of business:	Financial instrument business
(5) Paid in capital	JPY 125,167 million

4. Number of voting rights held by the shareholder (number of shares held) and its ratio to the total voting rights before and after change:

	Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) (Note1)	% of ratio to the total voting rights (Note2)	Ranking among shareholders (Note3)
Before change (as of November 7, 2017)	208,828 (20,882,840 shares)	11.77%	Second
After change	159,877 (15,987,740 shares)	9.01%	Second

(Note1) - Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) includes Advantest shares held by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. by its own account (740,240 shares). The number is based on the shares as of November 2, 2017.

(Note2) - % of ratio to the total voting rights is based on the shareholders list as of September 30, 2017

- Total number of shares issued as of September 30, 2017: 199,566,770
- Number of shares without voting rights deducted from the total number of shares issued: 22,222,670
- Total voting rights: 1,773,441

(Note3) - Ranking among shareholders is estimated based on the shareholders list as of September 30.

5. Outlook

There is no impact on our business performance etc. as a result of the sales above.

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