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Notice Regarding Interim Dividend and Year-end Dividend Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018

Tokyo – October 25, 2017 – Advantest Corporation hereby announces that the Board of Directors today resolved to make the interim dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 as follows:

1. Details of the Dividend

	Interim dividend for FY2017	Previous forecast (announced on July 26, 2017)	Interim dividend for FY2016 (Actual)
Record date	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Dividend per share	9.00 yen	Undecided	13.00 yen
Total amount of dividend	1,597 million yen	—	2,277 million yen
Effective date	December 1, 2017	—	December 1, 2016
Source of dividend	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

2. Reasons for Determination of Interim Dividend Amount

Advantest makes dividend payouts based on semi-annual business performance with a target semi-annual payout ratio of 30%. Based on the consolidated financial result for the first half of fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 announced today, Advantest resolved to make the interim dividend of 9 yen per share.

3. Forecast of Dividends for the Fiscal Year

	Dividend per share		
	Interim	Year-end	Annual total
Previous forecast (announced on July 26, 2017)	Undecided	Undecided	Undecided
Current forecast (announced on October 25, 2017)	—	17.00 yen	26.00 yen
FY2017 actual	9.00 yen	—	—
FY2016 actual	13.00 yen	12.00 yen	25.00 yen

Advantest will expect the year-end dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 to be 17 yen per share (annual total 26 yen per share) based on semi-annual business performance with a target semi-annual payout ratio of 30%. In addition, the calculation of the year-end dividend is based on the consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 announced today.

Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains “forward-looking statements” that are based on Advantest’s current expectations, estimates and projections. These statements include, among other things, the discussion of Advantest’s business strategy, outlook and expectations as to market and business developments, production and capacity plans. Generally, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “project,” “should” and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause Advantest’s actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

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