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February 26, 2008

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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 February 2008
               Commission File Number: 001-06439


                      SONY CORPORATION
        (Translation of registrant's name into English)

         1-7-1 KONAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, 108-0075, JAPAN


            (Address of principal executive offices)

      The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F.
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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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            Form 20-F  X                   Form 40-F __
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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-_____

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                          SIGNATURE
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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.

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                                    SONY CORPORATION
                                       (Registrant)
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                                  By:  /s/  Nobuyuki Oneda
                                            (Signature)
                                  Nobuyuki Oneda
                                  Executive Vice President and
                                  Chief Financial Officer
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Date: February 26, 2008

List of materials

Documents attached hereto:

i) Press release announcing Sharp and Sony sign Memorandum of Intent
   to create Joint Venture for Large Sized LCD Panels/Modules


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Sharp Corporation ("Sharp") and Sony Corporation ("Sony") announced that today
they signed a non-binding memorandum of intent to establish a joint venture to
produce and sell large sized LCD panels and modules, by splitting out from Sharp
an LCD panel plant now under construction in Sakai City, Osaka Prefecture which
will use 10th generation mother glass substrates. Certain information concerning
the joint venture is outlined below, and the two companies will negotiate in
good faith to enter into legally binding joint venture documentation by
September 30, 2008.

The parties will aim through this collaboration to further strengthen Sharp's
advanced LCD display technologies and Sony's competitiveness in the TV market.

Once the joint venture agreement is entered into and becomes effective, and
subject to receipt of necessary government approvals, the new joint venture will
seek to maximize the advantages gained from using the world's first 10th
generation glass substrates to produce large sized LCD panels and modules that
deliver the industry's highest levels of quality, cost and performance. These
will then be supplied to Sharp and Sony in quantities corresponding to their
respective investments. Sharp and Sony will also discuss and study the
possibility to jointly develop components for LCD modules to further reinforce
their mutual cooperation.

The new company will endeavor to rapidly establish full and stable manufacturing
operations at a new state of the art facility producing large sized LCD panels,
and, in coordination with other companies concerned, will realize the vision of
"Manufacturing Complex for the 21st Century".

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New Company Overview
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-Company Name:         To be determined

-Location:             Sakaihama District, Sakai-ku, Sakai City,
                       Osaka Prefecture

-Date of Establishment:Scheduled for April, 2009 (pending further discussion)

-Start of Operations:  By the end of FY 2009 (planned)

-Capital:              To be determined (Sharp: 66%, Sony:34%)

-Total Investment:     To be determined (Sharp: 66%, Sony:34%)

-Operations:           Production of large sized LCD panels/modules
                       (for LCD TVs) for sale to Sharp and Sony

-Production Capacity:  72,000 substrates per month (initially 36,000 substrates
                       panels/month)
                       (Mother Glass Substrate input basis)
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