News Release

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Company Response to Today's Media Reports

Certain sections of the media have reported today regarding the capital tie-up between Olympus Corporation (the "Company") and Sony Corporation, which is not announced by the company. The company will promptly disclose any information that should be disclosed as it arises.

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