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## Response to Certain News Reports Issued Today

Certain news agencies have today reported that Mitsubishi Corporation (MC) will become the top shareholder in AEON Co., Ltd. MC and AEON have been maintaining a friendly and constructive working relationship in a broad range of business fields. However, today's news reports on a possible partnership between the two companies are not grounded in fact at this time. Going forward, MC will promptly announce any matters of this kind that require disclosure.