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- 05Feb. : [Nippon Television Network Corporation Financial Data Result for the Period ended December 31, 2008 \(NTV\)](#)
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- 13Feb. : [NEC positioned as a principal supplier of technology for the implementation of TDT\(Terrestrial Digital Television\) in Spain](#)
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• 23Feb. : Domestic Shipments of Major Consumer Electronic Equipment (January 2009) (JEITA)

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Alps	Alps Electric Co., Ltd.	www.alps.com/index.html
Canon	Canon Inc.	www.canon.com/index.html
CAO	Cabinet Office, Government of Japan	www.cao.go.jp
Casio	Casio Computer Co., Ltd.	world.casio.com
CIAJ	Communications and Information network Association of Japan	www.ciaj.or.jp/e.htm
DNP	Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	www.dnp.co.jp/index_e.html
DOCOMO	NTT DOCOMO INC.	www.nttdocomo.com/
Fuji TV	Fuji Television Network Inc.	wwwz.fujitv.co.jp/en/index.html
Fujifilm	Fujifilm Corporation	www.fujifilm.com/index.html
Fujitsu	Fujitsu Limited	www.fujitsu.com/global
Hitachi	Hitachi Ltd.	www.hitachi.com/index.html
IPA	Information - Technology Promotion Agency, Japan	www.ipa.go.jp/index-e.html
JEITA	Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association	www.jeita.or.jp/english/index.html
KDDI	KDDI Corporation	www.kddi.com/english/index.html
KDDI Lab	KDDI R&D Laboratories	www.kddilabs.jp/english/index.html
Kyocera	Kyocera Corporation	global.kyocera.com
METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry	www.meti.go.jp/english/index.html
MEXT	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology - Japan	www.mext.go.jp/english/index.html
MIC	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)	www.soumu.go.jp/english/index.html
Mitsubishi	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	global.mitsubishielectric.com/index.html
MLIT	Ministry of Land, Infrastrucure, Transport and tourism	www.mlit.go.jp/index_e.html
Murata	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	www.murata.com/index.html

NEC	NEC Corporation	www.nec.com
NEDO	New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)	www.nedo.go.jp/english/index.html
NHK	NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)	www.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld
NHK STRL	NHK STRL	www.nhk.or.jp/strl/english/index.html
NICT	National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)	www.nict.go.jp/index.html
Nikkei	Nikkei BP	www.nikkeibp.com
Nintendo	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	www.nintendo.com/countryselector
NTT	NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION	www.ntt.co.jp/index_e.html
NTT Com	NTT Communications Corporation	www.ntt.com/index
NTT Data	NTT DATA CORPORATION	www.nttdata.co.jp/
NTT East	NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EAST CORPORATION	www.ntt-east.co.jp/
NTT West	NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION	www.ntt-west.co.jp/
NTV	Nippon Television Network Corporation	www.ntv.co.jp/english/index.html
Oki	Oki Electric Industry Co, Ltd.	www.oki.com/en/
Panasonic	Panasonic Corporation	panasonic.net
Ricoh	Ricoh Co., Ltd.	www.ricoh.com
Sanyo	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	www.sanyo.com
SEI	Sumitomo Electric Industries Ltd.	www.sei.co.jp/index.en.html
Sharp	Sharp Corporation	sharp-world.com/index.html
Softbank	SOFTBANK Group	www.softbank.co.jp/en/index.html
Sony	Sony Corporation	www.sony.net
TCA	Telecommunications Carriers Association	www.tca.or.jp/index-e.html
TDK	TDK Corporation	www.tdk.co.jp/tetop01/index.htm
Toppan	Toppan Printing Co., Ltd.	www.toppan.co.jp/english/
Toshiba	TOSHIBA Corporation	www.toshiba.co.jp/index.htm
TTC	Telecommunication Technology Committee	www.ttc.or.jp/e/index.html
TV Tokyo	TV Tokyo Corporation	www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/corporation