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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March 2005

Commission File Number 1-8320

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

6-6, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This report on Form 6-K contains the following:

1. Press release dated March 15, 2005 regarding the year-end dividend for fiscal 2004.

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SIGNATURES

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.

Hitachi, Ltd.

(Registrant)

Date March 18, 2005

By /s/ Takashi Hatchoji

Takashi Hatchoji
Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces the Year-end Dividend for Fiscal 2004

Tokyo, March 15, 2005 Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501 / NYSE:HIT) today announced a plan for the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 as follows. The plan will be finally authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the middle of May 2005 after the statutory audit of the financial statements etc. under the Commercial Code of Japan.

Plan for the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

5.5yen per share*

*The Company intends to pay the year-end dividend on May 23, 2005.

Reference: Dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004
Interim dividend: 3.0 yen per share
Year-end dividend: 5.0 yen per share
Dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005
Interim dividend: 5.5 yen per share
Year-end dividend: 5.5 yen per share

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