JAPAN EQUITY FUND INC Form N-PX August 30, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-06142

THE JAPAN EQUITY FUND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

c/o Daiwa Securities Trust Company

One Evertrust Plaza

Jersey City, New Jersey 07302-3051

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

John J. O Keefe

The Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

c/o Daiwa Securities Trust Company

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Jersey City, New Jersey 07302-3051

(Name and address of agent for service)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (201) 915-3054

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2012

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record for The Japan Equity Fund, Inc. for the year ending June 30, 2012.

SHIMACHU CO., LTD.

Quick Code 81840 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

ISIN Code JP3356800007 **Meeting Date** 24 Nov 2011

City / Country SAITAMA / JAPAN

SEDOL(s) 6804455

Item	Proposal	Туре	Vote	For/Against Management
1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	Against	Against
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.2	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.3	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.4	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.5	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.6	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against

Vote Summary

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.

Security J55806103 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 41140 Meeting Date 21-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3715200006 **Agenda** 703875875 - Management

Record Date 30-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 30-Mar-2012

City / Country OSAKA / Japan Vote Deadline Date 13-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 6470588 - B4TXDG4

Item	Proposal	Туре	Vote	For/Against Management
1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	For	For
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.3	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.4	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.5	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.6	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.7	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
3	Appoint a Corporate Auditor	Management	For	For
4	Approve Payment of Bonuses to Corporate Officers	Management	For	For

DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED

Security J11257102 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 45680 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3475350009 **Agenda** 703862525 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) B0J7D91 - B0LCWL9 - B0LMP32

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	Please reference meeting materials.	Non-Voting		
1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	For	For
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.3	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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2.5	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.6	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.7	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.8	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.9	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.10	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
3	Approve Payment of Bonuses to Corporate Officers	Management	For	For

EAST JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY

Security J1257M109 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 90200 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3783600004 **Agenda** 703874518 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 5734713 - 6298542 - B16TB60 -

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Item	Proposal	Туре	Vote	For/Against Management
	Please reference meeting materials.	Non-Voting		
1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	For	For
2	Amend the Articles of Incorporation	Management	For	For
3.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
3.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
3.3	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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3.15	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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4	Appoint a Corporate Auditor	Management	For	For
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5	Approve Payment of Bonuses to Corporate Officers	Management	For	For
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6	Amend the Compensation to be received by Corporate	Management	For	For
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7	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
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11	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
12	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
13	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
14	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
15	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
16	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
17	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.1	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.2	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.3	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.4	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.5	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
18.6	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
19	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
20	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For
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HITACHI, LTD.

Security	J20454112		Meeting Type	Annual General Meeting
Quick Code	65010		Meeting Date	22-Jun-2012
ISIN	JP3788600009		Agenda	703840947 - Management
Record Date	31-Mar-2012		Holding Recon Date	31-Mar-2012
City / Country	TOKYO	/ Japan	Vote Deadline Date	20-Jun-2012
SEDOL(s)		9344 - 5675726 - 6429104 - 9CRGZ5 - B0ZGTS3		

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1.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For

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1.4	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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1.6	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.7	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.8	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.9	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.10	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.11	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.12	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.13	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2	Shareholder Proposal	Shareholder	Against	For

MARUBENI CORPORATION

Security J39788138 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 80020 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3877600001 **Agenda** 703862664 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 5754517 - 6569464 - B02HT01

Item	Proposal	Туре	Vote	For/Against Management
	Please reference meeting materials.	Non-Voting		
1.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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1.12	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.13	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.14	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2	Amend the Compensation to be received by Corporate Officers	Management	For	For

NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION

Security J59396101 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 94320 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3735400008 **Agenda** 703874556 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 0641186 - 5168602 - 6641373 - B1570S0

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1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	For	For
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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2.9	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.10	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.11	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
2.12	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
3.1	Appoint a Corporate Auditor	Management	For	For
3.2	Appoint a Corporate Auditor	Management	For	For

SAINT MARC HOLDINGS CO., LTD.

Security J6691W100 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 33950 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3337070001 **Agenda** 703898734 - Management

Record Date 30-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 30-Mar-2012

City / Country OKAYAMA / Japan Vote Deadline Date 14-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) B0SQYV8 - B15D1K7

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1	Approve Appropriation of Surplus	Management	For	For
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.2	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.3	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.4	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.5	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
3	Appoint a Corporate Auditor	Management	For	For

SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED

Security J77153120 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 40050 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3401400001 **Agenda** 703862537 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 5102097 - 6858560 - B02LLK7 -

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1	Amend the Articles of Incorporation	Management	For	For
2.1	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
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2.8	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against
2.9	Appoint a Director	Management	Against	Against

TOSHIBA CORPORATION

Security J89752117 Meeting Type Annual General Meeting

Quick Code 65020 Meeting Date 22-Jun-2012

ISIN JP3592200004 **Agenda** 703862741 - Management

Record Date 31-Mar-2012 **Holding Recon Date** 31-Mar-2012

City / Country TOKYO / Japan Vote Deadline Date 20-Jun-2012

SEDOL(s) 0897439 - 2897589 - 4899914 - 4900065 -

5485657 - 6897217 - B0CR525 - B1H51J0

Item	Proposal	Туре	Vote	For/Against Management
	Please reference meeting materials.	Non-Voting		
1.1	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
1.2	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For
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1.3	Appoint a Director	Management	For	For