



## Press Release

## 報道資料

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### **ACCJ Elects Charles D. Lake II President to Lead the Chamber Again in 2007**

**December 4, 2006**—The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Charles D. Lake II has been re-elected to lead the Chamber as president in 2007.

"It is a great honor to be re-elected as President of the ACCJ," said Lake. "I am grateful for the tremendous support I received from the Chamber's board, leaders, and members in 2006, and am proud of what we have accomplished together this year. I look forward to continuing our cooperative efforts next year."

"In 2007," Lake said, "the ACCJ will keep building upon the work reflected in its recently-released 'Business White Paper: Working Together, Winning Together' as it continues to play a constructive role in the policy debate in Japan. As an 'Economic Growth *Oendan*,' the ACCJ will support the Government of Japan's strategy of achieving stable and sustained economic growth through increased foreign direct investment, helping to further strengthen the U.S.-Japan bilateral economic relationship and advocating the issues important to our members."

Lake is currently the Vice Chairman and Representative in Japan for Aflac Japan, with responsibility for strategic planning and public policy. Lake has also been responsible for all of Aflac's operations in Japan as Deputy President, President, and Representative in Japan (2001-2005). During 1990-1994, Lake served at USTR in the Executive Office of the President. As Director of Japan Affairs and Special Counsel at USTR, Lake led several bilateral consultations as well as multilateral trade negotiations. Prior to joining Aflac, Lake practiced law in Washington, D.C.

An ACCJ member for seven years, Lake has previously served as Chair of the Internal Affairs Advisory Council, Vice President, and Chair of the Insurance Subcommittee.

Elected to join Lake on the 2007 Executive Committee as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Michael J. Alfant, President, Fusion Systems Japan Co., Ltd.
- William R. Bishop, Jr., Director, Corporate Affairs, Wyeth K.K.

They join incumbent Tokyo Vice Presidents:

- Laurence W. Bates, General Counsel, General Electric Japan, Ltd.,
- Mark Schwab, Vice President, Pacific, United Airlines, Inc.,
- Allan D. Smith, Regional Vice President and General Counsel, AIG Companies

The incumbent Treasurer is Mark D. Baldwin, Senior Vice President and CFO, Morgan Stanley Properties Japan K.K.

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- Vicki Beyer, Vice President, Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley Japan Securities Co., Ltd.
- Charles M. Duncan, Managing Director, Japan, Continental Airlines
- Thomas Jordan, President, Jordan & Associates
- Todd McHenry, Senior Vice President, Regional Counsel - Asia Pacific, The Walt Disney Company (Japan) Ltd.
- Douglas L. Peterson, Chairman & CEO, Citibank Japan
- Jay Ponazrecki, Partner, Morrison & Forester LLP

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- John S. Diefenbach, President, PAE Design & Facility Management
- Royanne K. Doi, General Counsel, State Street group companies in Japan
- Glen S. Fukushima, President and CEO, Airbus Japan K.K.
- Robert F. Grondine, Partner, White & Case LLP
- John C. Kakunki, Chief Legal Counsel, GE Consumer Finance Co., Ltd.
- Kirk R. Patterson, Dean, Temple University, Japan Campus

In the Kansai chapter, Ravi Chaturvedi, President, Northeast Asia, Proctor & Gamble Far East, Inc., is re-elected as Governor, joining incumbent Vice President Michael Bobrove, President, Nihon Medrad K.K.

The Chubu chapter re-elected for Vice President Michel D. Weenick, President, NGO Architecture, and for Governor Harry Hill, Chief Operating Officer, Oak Lawn Marketing, Inc.

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### **About the ACCJ**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies and has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, currently the ACCJ has members representing 1,400 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan, business organizations, and others, the ACCJ promotes activities that help achieve its mission of further developing commerce between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan. Over 60 committees representing various industries play the ACCJ's central role in making policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as the Business White Paper and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable events and other CSR activities.

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