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ACCJ's 11th "Diet Doorknock" a Huge Success

November 17, 2006 - The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) yesterday completed its 11th "Diet Doorknock," a coordinated three-day effort to meet and exchange views with members of Japan's Diet, including Cabinet members.

Key ACCJ leaders, led by President Charles D. Lake II, participated in meetings that brought together more than 60 of the Chamber's leaders with over 80 senior Japanese policymakers from November 14 to 16, a record number since the inception of the Doorknock.

During the Doorknock, the ACCJ presented policymakers with its recently-released Business White Paper, "Working Together, Winning Together." The White Paper is a key milestone in the ACCJ's efforts to support the Government of Japan's pursuit of stable and sustained economic growth.

The White Paper identifies immediate and longer-term measures that the ACCJ believes are vital for the United States and Japan in partnering for success in a globalizing economy. Specifically, the ACCJ calls on the governments of the United States and Japan to commit to a vision of concluding an Economic Integration Agreement (EIA).

"We are grateful for the opportunity to exchange views with so many political leaders and top government officials regarding enhancing U.S.-Japan bilateral economic integration," said ACCJ President Lake. "Enhanced economic integration between the United States and Japan will contribute to a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region," said Lake.

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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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