



## Press Release

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### **ACCJ Welcomes Prime Minister Koizumi and President Bush agreement to deepen the mutually-beneficial bilateral economic relationship**

**July 3, 2006** - The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) welcomes the agreement by Prime Minister Koizumi and President Bush to "...explore ways to further deepen the mutually-beneficial bilateral economic relationship as well as to enhance cooperation on regional and global economic issues."

The ACCJ is encouraged by the two governments' resolve to work toward further strengthening the deep political and economic ties that already exist between Japan and the United States.

ACCJ President Charles D. Lake II noted, "The ACCJ believes that deepening engagement on ongoing bilateral economic mechanisms and committing to the conclusion of an Economic Integration Agreement (EIA) would be effective means to accomplish the goals set by the two leaders."

The ACCJ also welcomes the commitments by the two governments regarding key areas of regulatory reform contained in the Fifth Report to the Leaders on the U.S.-Japan Regulatory Reform and Competition Policy Initiative and looks forward to ongoing process in these areas.

#### **About the ACCJ**

The mission of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) is to further the development of commerce between the United States of America and Japan, promote the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improve the international business environment in Japan. Established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American firms, the ACCJ has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan, with close to 3,000 individual members representing more than forty countries and 1,400 companies.

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