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ACCJ Urges US Government to Enhance Economic Integration with Japan

April 28, 2006 (Washington、D.C.)—A delegation of U.S. business leaders from the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) concluded its two-day "Doorknock" visit (April 25-26) to Washington, D.C. The delegation, led by ACCJ President Charles D. Lake II, met with high-ranking Administration officials and Congressional leaders and conveyed the message that Japan must be a critical factor in any comprehensive U.S. economic and trade strategy.

President Lake said, "Throughout the Doorknock, we found a high level of interest in furthering the U.S.- Japan economic relationship and promoting strategic cooperation with Japan in dealing with broad economic issues in Asia, and we are gratified by the reception we received."

He further noted that, "Japan plays a central role in an increasingly integrating Asian economy and what happens in Japan has a tremendous impact on the development of the Asian economy as a whole and on the U.S. economy as well," and urged the U.S. government to commit to a vision of completing a comprehensive Economic Integration Agreement with Japan.

The ACCJ delegation also expressed their support for the Economic Partnership for Growth, encouraging the administration to use the formation of the new Japanese Administration in September 2006 as an opportunity to enhance the level of engagement.

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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