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ACCJ Names Taizo Nishimuro 2005 Person of the Year

February 20, 2006 (Tokyo)—The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) has named Taizo Nishimuro, Chairman & CEO, Tokyo Stock Exchange and Advisor to the Board, Toshiba Corporation, as its 2005 Person of the Year in recognition of his long-term contribution to U.S.-Japan economic relationship.

Mr. Nishimuro's contribution to U.S.-Japan relations stretches back to his leadership at Toshiba and many years of residence in the U.S. representing Toshiba, which began in 1965. Mr. Nishimuro pioneered manufacturing initiatives in the U.S. which set the stage for continued innovative work between Toshiba and the public and private sectors in America.

As Chairman of The Japan-U.S. Business Council, Mr. Nishimuro has played a critical role in bringing together top executives of U.S. and Japanese companies to work toward a recommendation that calls for a comprehensive and strategic Economic Partnership Agreement that will further enhance the U.S.-Japan economic integration.

His exemplary work as a leader has been praised by numerous organizations, such as the Japan Business Federation, the Japan-U.S. Business Council, the International Labour Organization, and the WTO. With Mr. Nishimuro's help, such organizations, including the ACCJ, have taken positive steps in both bringing to light and progressing toward the shared goals of the U.S. and Japan.

Of Nishimuro's selection as the ACCJ's 2005 Person of the Year, ACCJ President Charles D. Lake II said, "In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Nishimuro is a true gentleman; considerate and caring, and someone who has genuinely touched the hearts of those around him."

About the Person of the Year Award

A program was inaugurated in 1996 to recognize each year an individual who has made a major contribution to enhancing U.S.-Japan economic relations.

Award Recipients

- 1996 Hon. Walter Mondale, 24th US Ambassador to Japan
- 1997 Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi, Chairman and CEO, Fuji Xerox Company, Ltd.
- 1998 Mr. Hideo Ishihara, Chairman, Goldman Sachs Japan
- 1999 Dr. Kazuo Inamori, the Founder and Chairman emeritus of DDI Corporation and Kyocera Corporation
- 2000 Hon. Thomas S. Foley, 25th US Ambassador to Japan
- 2001 Yoshihiko Miyauchi, Chairman, Orix Corporation; Vice Chairman, Keizai Doyukai; Chair, Council for Regulatory Reform
- 2002 Masamoto Yashiro, Chairman & CEO, Shinsei Bank Ltd.
- 2003 Yuzaburo Mogi, President & CEO, Kikkoman
- 2004 Hon. Howard H. Baker Jr., 26th US Ambassador to Japan

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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