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**ACCJ Kansai Chapter to Hold the 2nd Charity Walk-A-Thon
- Charity Walk & Festival -**

September 26, 2007 (Osaka)— The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) Kansai Chapter announced that it will hold its second ACCJ Kansai Charity Walk-a-thon --- Charity Walk & Festival, at Osaka Jo Koen (Osaka Castle Park) on October 20. The event is aiming once again this year to improve the environment for working women in Japan. The proceeds from the event shall be donated to non-profit organizations that focus on improving the environment for working women in Japan*.

The ACCJ Kansai Chapter formed the Community Service Committee last year to take the role of carrying out its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives, one of the primary pillars of the ACCJ's activities, and held its first charity walk-a-thon in Kobe. The event was a big success with more than 800 participants and over 6.8 million yen raised in total, which was donated to the Family Support Centers of the cities of Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Suita, Toyonaka and Sakai, Sannoh Children Center(Sannoh Kodomo Center), Women's Net Kobe, Gender Equality Net Amagasaki(Danjyo Kyodo Sangaku Net Amagasaki) *.

This year the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Executive Committee will select eligible organizations that have been carrying out activities for more than one year or are planning to start activities in the Kansai area, and are able to use donated funds for "improving the environment for working women in Japan", such as activities to support working mothers and their children in the Kansai area based on a careful evaluation of the application form and required documents received.

With Japan facing an aging society on the forefront and questions about who will fill the gaping hole in labor workforce when the baby boomers retire, the ACCJ Kansai Chapter regards the younger generation of Japanese females more and more as major contributors to the continued growth of the country's economy. The ACCJ Kansai Chapter continues to support a society where there is an increase in the number of women working in the workforce and a society that allows women to demonstrate their ability and skills for the greater good of Japan.

*Less the event operating expenses

The second ACCJ Kansai Walk-a-thon is scheduled to be held as follows.

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Registration from 10:00 a.m.; Opening Ceremony from 11:00 a.m.;
Walk from 11:30 a.m.)

- Place: Osaka Jo Koen (Osaka Castle Park: see the attached poster)
- Fees: Adults 2,000 yen, Children & Students 1,000 yen
(Free original T-shirts for the first 1,500 participants)
- Tickets: Available at Lawson convenience stores (L CODE 59343)
- Course: 1.3km
- Events: Live music, International food booths, Children's play area, Silent auction
- Host: American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, Kansai Chapter
- Supporters: Osaka City & Osaka Prefecture, Kobe City & Hyogo Prefecture, Kyoto City & Kyoto Prefecture, Nara City & Hyogo Prefecture U.S. Consulate General Osaka-Kobe, Kansai Economic Federation, Kobe Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Osaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Japan America Society of Kobe
- Sponsors: <Platinum Level>
Abbott Japan Co. Ltd., Eli Lilly Japan K.K.; General Electric Japan, Ltd.; P&G (Procter & Gamble Japan K.K.)
<Silver Level>
Aflac Japan; Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.; Nippon Organon K.K.; Shinsei Bank, Limited
<Bronze Level>
Hospira Japan Co.,Ltd.; Jupiter International Corporation; Kansai Time Out; MK Co., Ltd.; Nihon Medrad K.K. ; Toyo Beverage, K.K.; Shimano Inc.; SPEC, Sumitomo 3M Limited.; Wall Street Associates
- Website: www.accjwalkathon.com
- Attachment: Event poster, Original T-shirt logo design

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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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