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**ACCJ Calls for a Robust U.S.-Japan Dialogue
During its Washington, D.C. Doorknock
Keys to Economic Recovery and U.S. Global Competitiveness**

June 12, 2009 (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 (June 10 - 11) to Washington, D.C. The delegation, led by ACCJ President Tom Whitson, met with high-ranking Administration officials and Congressional leaders from both parties to discuss how stronger U.S.-Japan economic ties are vital to both countries' economic recovery and competitiveness in a rapidly integrating Asia.

ACCJ President Whitson said, "Japan is one of the most important overseas markets for the United States. We urge both governments to actively cooperate to address current global economic, political and environmental challenges."

Whitson added, "Together, the U.S. and Japan comprise approximately 40% of global GDP and share the ideals of democracy, freedom of speech and rule of law. The ACCJ believes that further collaboration and harmonization between the U.S. and Japan will spur economic recovery and help our countries shape Asia-Pacific economic development."

The ACCJ highlighted its upcoming Internet Economy White Paper, which outlines approaches to many of the privacy, intellectual property rights, innovation through competition, interoperability and other issues that the Japanese and U.S. governments are currently addressing.

The ACCJ was pleased to meet the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. and senior members of the Japanese business community in Washington to exchange views on how our two countries are dealing with the current financial crisis. The ACCJ also met with senior representatives of the departments of Commerce, Treasury, State, Transportation, Justice, the USTR and other key agencies.

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About 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 1,300 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.