

For Immediate Release**ACCJ Kansai Chapter to hold third annual
"ACCJ Kansai Walk-A-Thon – Charity Walk & Festival"
- Improving the Environment for Working Women in Japan -**

September 10, 2008 (Osaka)— The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) Kansai Chapter will hold its third annual ACCJ Kansai Walk-A-Thon – Charity Walk & Festival in Kobe Meriken Park on Saturday, October 18. "Improving the Environment for Working Women in Japan" was selected as this year's theme.

The ACCJ Kansai Chapter's newly formed Woman in Business Committee will use the event as an opportunity to share information with women seeking to re-entering the workforce. During the event, Committee members will lead mini-workshops while selected charities will provide information on topics such as, day-care, family-care, education, counseling and training programs. In addition, sponsor corporations will introduce a variety of support activities specifically created for women in the workplace.

Proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon will be donated to charity. The Women in Business Committee will evaluate applications from charitable organizations meeting one of the following criteria: (1) Non-profit organizations or agencies that carry out activities on a continuous basis that contribute to "Improving the Environment of Working Women" in the Kansai area, (2) Non-profit organizations or groups that require funds to start activities that will contribute to "Improving the Environment of Working Women" in the Kansai area or (3) Organizations that offer scholarships for women in financial need who are attending or qualified to attend a university, graduate school or other educational institution in the Kansai area.

The ACCJ Kansai Chapter formed the Community Service Committee two years ago to carry out Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, a primary pillar of the ACCJ. During the Committee's 2007 charity Walk-A-Thon in Osaka, the ACCJ Kansai Chapter welcomed more than 1,300 participants and raised over 7.1 million yen. Proceeds from this event were donated to 12 charities: the Family Support Centers of the cities of Osaka, Kyoto, Sakai and Ohmihachiman, Sanno Children Center (Sannoh Kodomo Center), NPO "Career & Child Care" Counseling Center, Gender Equality Net Amagasaki, Women's Net Kobe, Chatlash, IFDA Japan Chapter, NPO

Feminist Counseling Kobe, Happy Working Mother Project.

Details for the third annual ACCJ Kansai Walk-a-Thon are attached.

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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. Marking its 60th anniversary in 2008, the ACCJ 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 50 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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- Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Registration from 9:00 a.m.; Opening Ceremony from 10:00 a.m.; Walk from 10:30 a.m.)
- Place: Kobe Meriken Park (See the attached poster)
- Fees: Age 19 and above: 2,000 yen, Age 6–18: 1,000 yen, Age 5 and under: Free
(1) Advance ticket available at ACCJ Kansai Office
(2) Free original T-shirts for the first 1,500 participants
- Course: 1.3km (Kobe Meriken Park - Mosaic - Kobe Meriken Park)
- Events: Special show presented by Universal Studio Japan™, International food booths (pay), Children's play area and games (partly pay), Dance and live music
- Host: American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, Kansai Chapter
- Supporters: Osaka City & Osaka Prefecture, Kobe City & Hyogo Prefecture, Kyoto City & Kyoto Prefecture, Nara City & Nara Prefecture, U.S. Consulate General Osaka-Kobe, METI Kansai, Kansai Economic Federation, Osaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kobe Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Japan America Society of Kobe
- Sponsors: <Platinum Level> GE(General Electric Japan, Ltd.), P&G (Procter & Gamble Japan K.K.), Universal Studios Japan™, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.
<Silver Level> Shinsei Bank, Limited, Nippon Boehringer Ingelheim Co., Ltd., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
<Bronze Level> Aflac Japan, Kobe MK Co., Ltd., Kobe Fugetsudo Co.,Ltd., Japan America Society of Kobe, Jupiter International Corporation, CDS K.K., Sumitomo 3M Limited, Nihon Medrad K.K., Hospira Japan Co.,Ltd., Mitsukura Corporation/Price Club, Minatokankobus Inc., Language Resources K.K., Cat Music Agency K.K., Shimano Inc., Robert Half Japan Ltd. , Wall Street Associates (INPO)
- Website: www.accjwalkathon.com