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**ACCJ Elects Charles D. Lake II President for 2006**

**December 5, 2005 (Tokyo)** - Charles D. Lake II has been elected President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ). Having led the Japan operations of a Fortune 500 company and having served in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), Lake brings a wealth of experience to the ACCJ from both the private and public sector. His term of office begins January 1, 2006.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the President of the ACCJ for 2006. The ACCJ and its members have a long-established record as good corporate citizens dedicated to continued growth and prosperity in Japan. As Japan embarks on a new era of structural reforms, the ACCJ can continue to play a constructive role as a supporter of reforms, in essence serving as a 'Reform Oendan,' to further contribute to economic recovery and growth in Japan. Serving as a 'Reform Oendan,' the ACCJ will be able to achieve its mission of further developing commerce between the United States of America and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan," said Lake.

Lake is currently the Vice Chairman and Representative in Japan for Aflac Japan and is responsible for strategic planning and public policy. Lake has also been responsible for all of Aflac's operations in Japan as Deputy President, President, and Representative in Japan (2001-2005). During 1990-1994, Lake served in the USTR in the Executive Office of the President. As Director of Japan Affairs and Special Counsel at USTR, Lake led several bilateral consultations as well as multilateral trade negotiations. Prior to joining Aflac, Lake practiced law in Washington, D.C.

An ACCJ member for six years, Lake is currently a Vice President, completing his third year on the ACCJ Board of Governors. He is also the Chair of the Internal Affairs Advisory Council and has previously served as the Chair of the Insurance Subcommittee.

Elected to join Lake on the Executive Committee as Treasurer is Mark D. Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer, Morgan Stanley Properties Japan K.K.

Elected as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Laurence W. Bates, General Counsel, GE Japan.
- Marc D. Fuoti, Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment
- Mark F. Schwab, Vice President, Pacific, United Airlines.
- Allan D. Smith, Regional Vice President and General Counsel, AIG Companies, Japan and Korea.

They join incumbent Tokyo Vice President Kumi Sato, President, Cosmo Public Relations Corporation.

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- John S. Diefenbach, President, PAE Design & Facility Management
- Royanne K. Doi, General Counsel, State Street Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.
- Glen S. Fukushima, President and CEO, Airbus Japan K.K.
- Robert F. Grondine, Partner, White & Case LLP
- John C. Kakinuki, Partner, Baker & McKenzie GJB Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Law Office (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise)
- Terrie J. Lloyd, CEO, LINC Media and Japan Inc. Communications
- Kirk R. Patterson, Dean, Temple University Japan
- Douglas L. Peterson, Chairman & CEO, Citibank Japan
- Byron Sigel, Director, Corporate Affairs, Eli Lilly & Co.

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- Nicholas E. Benes, President JTP Corporation
- Vicki L. Beyer, Vice President, International Law, Morgan Stanley Japan Limited.
- Thomas F. Jordan, President, Jordan and Associates.
- Todd M. McHenry, Senior Vice President, Regional Counsel, Asia Pacific Legal Affairs, The Walt Disney Company (Japan) Ltd.
- Jay Ponazecki, Partner, Morrison & Foerster, Ito & Mitomi

In the Kansai chapter, Michael Bobrove, President, Nihon Medrad K.K., was elected Vice President, and Ravi Chaturvedi, President, Northeast Asia, Proctor & Gamble Far East, Inc. was elected as Governor.

Chubu chapter officers, Michel D. Weenick, President, NGO Architecture, and Harry Hill, COO, Oak Lawn Marketing, Inc., each have a year remaining in their terms as Vice President and Governor, respectively.

### **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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