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**The ACCJ/NIS Walkathon and International Charity Festival
Celebrates its 20th Anniversary
On May 22 at Moricoro Park**

May 13, 2011 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) Chubu Chapter will hold its 20th-anniversary Walkathon and International Charity Festival, co-sponsored by Nagoya International School (NIS), from 10am to 4pm on May 22 at Moricoro Park (2005 Aichi Expo Commemorative Park). This event brings the foreign and Japanese communities of Chubu together and provides the ACCJ an opportunity to give back to the community.

The event's proceeds from individual ticket sales and corporate sponsorships will be donated. Each ticket costs 2,000 yen (1,000 yen for students) and includes a raffle ticket and an original T-shirt.

Last year more than 2,500 people attended, and over 7 million yen was donated to 32 charitable organizations, including those that assist victims of child abuse, the physically or emotionally challenged, orphans, and groups that help people cope with devastating illnesses in the Chubu area. This year, the goal is to raise 10 million yen.

"I'm pleased and excited to be joining the ACCJ Chubu Chapter in celebrating its 20th anniversary of the Walkathon. I would like to thank Nagoya International School, all the sponsors, and the entire Chubu community for making this happen. The Walkathon has successfully raised more than 78 million yen in the past 19 years, and we feel very proud to be able to make a contribution to the community that we are part of," said ACCJ President Michael Alfant.

In addition to the regular 2,000 yen-tickets, 500 Limited Golden Raffle Tickets will also be available for purchase at 10,000 yen each. These tickets include a regular ticket as well as a special raffle ticket for a chance to win a new TOYOTA Ractis, a big flat screen TV, or an iPad2! All proceeds from these special tickets will specifically be used to support worthy organizations providing relief and aid to those affected by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami disaster.

For more details of the event, please go to: www.NagoyaWalkathon.com

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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 1,000 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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