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**ACCJ CALLS FOR NO NEW JAPAN POST OFFERINGS
WITHOUT EQUIVALENT CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

November 22, 2005 (Tokyo)—The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) today called for no new Japan Post offerings without equivalent conditions of competition at a press conference announcing the release of its fourth report on privatization, "Applying Global Best Practices to the Implementation of the Postal Privatization Laws."

ACCJ President Debbie Howard said, "Japan Post's activities should be clearly and measurably restricted to ensure that it does not abuse its market power and does not expand its business into new areas until a level playing field has been established."

As the Government of Japan begins the process for drafting the Cabinet Orders, guidelines, and other rules that will further clarify and implement the newly-enacted Privatization Laws, the ACCJ identifies in its report key measures that must be included in the implementing rules to ensure that Privatization Laws are implemented consistent with global best practices regarding the privatization of state-owned enterprises (SOEs), Japan's international trade obligations, and Article 2 of the Postal Privatization Law.

The ACCJ urges that the Privatization Laws be implemented in a manner consistent with global best practices by establishing a level playing field prior to allowing the Privatized Entities to expand their product offerings, requiring a meaningful and transparent rulemaking process, and the application of measures such as the arm's-length rule to prevent cross-subsidization and other market distorting practices.

A complete text of the report, "Applying Global Best Practices to the Implementation of the Postal Privatization Laws" is available at the following links.

(English)

http://www.accj.or.jp/document_library/Privatization/PTF_JapanPost_E.pdf

(Japanese)

http://www.accj.or.jp/document_library/Privatization/PTF_JapanPost_J.pdf

About the ACCJ

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