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**The 18<sup>th</sup> Walkathon and International Charity Festival  
Co-sponsored by the ACCJ Chubu Chapter and NIS  
10am ~ 4pm, May 24 at Tsurumai Park**

**May 22, 2009** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) holds The 18th Walkathon and International Charity Festival based on the theme of “Give Back to Chubu!”.

Last year, more than 2,500 people attended, and over 8 million yen went towards helping orphans, victims of child abuse, the physically or emotionally challenged, and organizations helping people cope with devastating illnesses. This year, the event will be held at Tsurumai Park, which celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and its goal was set to raise 10 million yen.

"I'm very happy that ACCJ is working with Nagoya International School and the entire Nagoya community to support this year's walk-a-thon. The ACCJ's Chubu walk-a-thon is an excellent example of the Chamber's efforts to promote CSR in Japan and benefit those in need. In 2010, walk-a-thons will be held by each of the ACCJ's three chapters, Chubu, Kansai and Kanto," said ACCJ President Thomas Whitson.

U.S. Embassy Tokyo's Charge d'Affaires James P. Zumwalt and Nagoya Mayor Takashi Kawamura will attend the opening at Tsurumai Park in Nagoya City.

The event details are available from the link below.  
<[www.NagoyaWalkathon.com/](http://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 1,300 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.



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