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ACCJ 2010 Person of the Year: Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa

February 9, 2011 - The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) presented Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa with its 2010 Person of the Year Award at an event in Tokyo.

The ACCJ recognized Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa for his contribution to building stronger ties between Japan and the U.S. and for his efforts to address healthcare, education, innovation and economic growth issues in Japan.

Dr. Kurokawa is a Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, and Chairman of the Health Policy Institute, Japan. He was Special Advisor to the Cabinet on science, technology and innovation and is an advocate for economic growth policies and social development in Japan. Dr. Kurokawa spent 15 years working at top-class medical institutions in the U.S. and is a frequent lecturer at international institutions.

During his speech Dr. Kurokawa said, "I am an outspoken advocate for change. Japan is a victim of its own economic success and I believe we need to replace blind consensus with bold debate."

He went on to say, "I am delighted that my actions and words were recognized by the ACCJ. It is a great honor to receive this award."

ACCJ President Michael Alfant said, "Dr. Kurokawa is a man of energy and ideas. His clear perspective and passionate delivery are thought provoking and inspirational. Dr. Kurokawa's message promoting critical thinking, entrepreneurial energy, risk-taking and leadership resonates with the ACCJ membership. We support that message and that's why we selected Dr. Kurokawa as the ACCJ 2010 Person of the Year."



Dr. Kurokawa speaking to the ACCJ membership on February 8, 2011 at the Tokyo American Club

ACCJ President Michael Alfant presents Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa with the ACCJ 2010 Person of the Year Award



About the ACCJ Person of the Year Award

The ACCJ initiated the "Person of the Year" award in 1996 to annually recognize individuals who made major contributions to enhancing the U.S. - Japan economic relationship.

Past Recipients

14	2009	Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)
13	2008	Hon. J. Thomas Schieffer, 27 th US Ambassador to Japan
12	2007	Professor Heizo Takenaka, Director of Keio University's Global Security Research Institute
11	2006	Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Senior Advisor and Member of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation
10	2005	Mr. Taizo Nishimuro, Chairman & CEO, Tokyo Stock Exchange; Advisor to the Board, Toshiba Corporation
9	2004	Hon. Howard H. Baker Jr., 26 th US Ambassador to Japan
8	2003	Mr. Yuzaburo Mogi, President & CEO, Kikkoman
7	2002	Mr. Masamoto Yashiro, Chairman & CEO, Shinsei Bank Ltd.
6	2001	Mr. Yoshihiko Miyauchi, Chairman, Orix Corporation; Vice Chairman, Keizai Doyukai; Chair, Council for Regulatory Reform
5	2000	Hon. Thomas S. Foley, 25 th US Ambassador to Japan
4	1999	Dr. Kazuo Inamori, the Founder and Chairman emeritus of DDI Corporation and Kyocera Corporation
3	1998	Mr. Hideo Ishihara, Chairman, Goldman Sachs Japan
2	1997	Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi, Chairman and CEO, Fuji Xerox Company, Ltd.
1	1996	Hon. Walter Mondale, 24 th US Ambassador to Japan

For more information about the 52nd ACCJ President Michael Alfant:
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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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