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ACCJ Selected to Host 2012 Spring U.S.-Asia Pacific Regional Business Summit

*Hundreds of senior executives and Chamber of Commerce leaders
from across Asia to come to Tokyo*

June 17, 2011 – The Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) approved the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan's (ACCJ) bid to host the 2012 U.S.-Asia Pacific Regional Business Summit next spring. APCAC's Board of Directors voted its approval at its annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Every year, APCAC, which consists of 27 member American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in 21 economies across Asia, holds its U.S.-Asia Pacific Regional Business Summit, bringing hundreds of business leaders from around the region to a host city.

"Japan is one of the key economies for US business in the Asia Pacific region, and holding the 2012 APCAC summit in Tokyo underscores the importance of Japan to our members," said Steven R. Okun, APCAC Chairman, and Director, Public Affairs, KKR Asia Pacific.

"Furthermore, the ACCJ is a very respected and influential business chamber, and there is no doubt they will provide a great opportunity for our members to network and learn from leaders of both business and government, from in Japan and across the region."

ACCJ President, and Group Chairman and CEO of Fusion Systems Group, Michael Alfant said, "We are thrilled to have been selected to host the next U.S.-Asia Pacific Regional Business Summit."

"With the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings-later this year in Honolulu, capping a two-year period of U.S.-Japanese cooperation on regional issues during their successive chairing of APEC, the U.S.-Asia Business Summit next year will be a great opportunity for our members and their counterparts and colleagues across Asia to continue vital discussions on how to better facilitate commerce throughout the region. Significantly, it will come at a time when regional trade architectures like the Trans Pacific Partnership are being negotiated, and we hope the Summit may be a catalyst for deeper discussions on the benefits of TPP membership for Japan, and eventual growth of the TPP to achieve the APEC vision of a broader Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific. Finally, we hope the Summit will also be a great opportunity to demonstrate the resilience and strength of Japan and its people a year out from the disasters that took place in Tohoku," he added.

For more information about APCAC please go to: <http://www.apcac.org>

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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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