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The ACCJ Re-elects Michael J. Alfant to Lead the Chamber in 2012

November 29, 2011— The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Michael J. Alfant has been re-elected to lead the Chamber as President in 2012.

"I am truly honored to be re-elected President of the ACCJ. I offer my congratulations to those who were elected to serve the Chamber with me, and look forward to working diligently with them to execute the Chamber's mission to further the development of commerce between the U.S. and Japan, promote the interests of U.S. companies and our members, and improve the overall international business environment," said Alfant.

"It has been a challenging year for Japan, as the nation suffered a tragedy of unimaginable proportions in the wake of the March 11 disasters. The events had a profound impact on all of us, as many of our companies have been in this country for decades and many call Japan 'home.' As an integral part of the local community, we will remain fully engaged in all aspects of our professional and personal activities through the years to come."

Alfant continued, "In the coming year, I am looking forward to our hosting the 2012 APCAC (Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce) U.S.-Asia Business Summit. It will be the first time Japan hosts the APCAC Summit in over two decades. We are excited to bring so many business and government leaders to Tokyo next March 1 and 2, to demonstrate to them first-hand that Japan remains one of the world's strongest, most vibrant economies and is "open for business."

Other officers, including Treasurer, Vice Presidents and Governors were also elected to serve on the 2012 ACCJ Board of Governors. The elected leaders and those they join on the Board are as follows:

Elected as Treasurer:

- Jack E. Bird; International Tax Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Elected as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Jeffrey Bernier; Managing Director, Asia-Pacific Sales and Affairs, Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- Andrew Conrad; Senior Vice President & Counsel, Aflac International, Inc.*

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They join incumbent Tokyo Vice Presidents:

- Laurence W. Bates; General Counsel, GE Japan Global Growth and Operations
- Vicki Beyer; Executive Director, Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.
- Jim Weisser; President, PBXL Inc.

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- Michael J. Denton; President, Boeing Japan K.K.*
- Bruce Ellsworth; Director of Government Affairs, Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies
- Tad Johnson; General Manager, P & W Aftermarket Japan KK*
- Christopher LaFleur; President, LM Associates
- Patricia "Tish" Robinson; Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University
- Yukio Yoshimura; Executive Officer and Head of Government Affairs, Citigroup Japan Holdings Corp.*

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- Nicholas E. Benes; President, JTP Corporation
- Barry Bergmann; Managing Director Micronesia & S.E. Asia, United Airlines, Inc.
- Darren McKellin; General Manager, Enterprise Sales, Verizon Business
- Eric Sedlak; Partner, Jones Day
- Yoshitaka Sugihara; Government and Corporate Affairs Manager, Intel K.K.
- Mitsuyo Teramura; Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Federal Express Corporation

Elected to serve as Kansai Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Kiran S. Sethi; Managing Director, Jupiter International Corporation - Kobe, Japan
- Governor: Alfonso G. Zulueta; President, Eli Lilly Japan*
- Treasurer: Herman J. Ehrlich; General Manager, Hilton Osaka

Incumbent Chubu Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Christopher Zarodkiewicz; President, Cezars International K.K.
- Governor: Jason Morgan; President, TMG International Y.K.
- Treasurer: Maki Mizuhara; Director of Nagoya Office, Wall Street Associates

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---Profile of ACCJ President Michael Alfant---

Michael Alfant is the Group President and CEO of Fusions Systems Group, headquartered in Tokyo, with offices in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore and L.A. Fusion Systems is one of Asia's fastest growing leaders in Business Technology and Systems Consulting. Michael Alfant graduated from the City University of NY with a BS in Computer Science. Mr. Alfant started an IT solutions company named Fusion Systems Japan in 1992. After building it from a handful of dedicated entrepreneurs to a multinational with offices in Tokyo and Boston, he led it to a successful \$60m acquisition in March 1999 by IMRglobal Corporation (NASDAQ: IMRS). Subsequent to that transaction, Mike has founded and exited 4 additional firms in IT, Marketing, Business Process Outsourcing, and Mobile Communications. Mr. Alfant is the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, a frequent speaker at US and Japanese Universities, and a member of the Board of Directors of listed firms in both America and Japan. Mr. Alfant has also been involved in a wide range of technology issues. He has primarily focused on making key emerging technologies accessible to business people who rely on them to meet an evolving and dynamic competitive environment. Mr. Alfant is a sought after advisor on business and technology in Asia and frequently provides briefings to U.S. Government delegates and business executives visiting the region. Prior to Fusion Systems Japan, Mr. Alfant worked in various technology roles at AT&T Bell Labs, Bankers Trust, UBS, Security Pacific, Citibank, EF Hutton, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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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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