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**ACCJ Exchanges Views with Policymakers on
the 15th “Diet Doorknock”**

October 22, 2010 - The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) held its annual Diet Doorknock (DDK), the Chamber’s largest consolidated advocacy initiative from October 19 to 21. Over the 3-day period, ACCJ members met with Japanese lawmakers to exchange views on ways to improve the international business environment in Japan. Led by ACCJ President Thomas Whitson, the 15th DDK brought together 60 ACCJ leaders with 50 members of Japan’s Diet, including Cabinet members and ministry representatives.

“We were pleased to meet so many members of Japan’s Diet. During our Doorknock, we emphasized the importance of the U.S. – Japan relationship,” said ACCJ President Whitson. “In addition, we reaffirmed our commitment to working with the Government of Japan to create and implement a viable and successful economic growth strategy.”

Whitson said he was pleased with the results of the initiative.

“Based on the warm welcome and positive discussions during this 3-day period, we are optimistic about the strength and future of the U.S. - Japan economic relationship. We will continue our efforts to improve the international businesses environment in Japan, which we believe will be beneficial to the people of both countries.”

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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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