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**Sachin N. Shah Elected President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan for 2018**

**December 5, 2017** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Sachin N. Shah was elected to serve as the Chamber's 56th President. Shah, who is chairman, president and CEO of MetLife Insurance K.K., will assume his position from January 1, 2018.

"It is a great honor to be chosen to serve as President in the year of the ACCJ's 70th anniversary. I offer congratulations to all who were elected to serve the ACCJ in 2018, and I look forward to working with all members to ensure the ACCJ is well-positioned for the next 70 years to further our mission of developing commerce between the U.S. and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan."

"I also offer my congratulations and gratitude to Christopher LaFleur for a very successful two years as ACCJ President. He has been a strong advocate for U.S. companies in Japan and worked tirelessly to enhance U.S.-Japan relations," Shah said.

Shah added, "The Japanese market continues to be critical to the success of thousands of American companies. As a senior executive at a Fortune 500 company for which Japan and the U.S. are the largest markets, I will strive to ensure the varied interests of U.S. companies and members are represented and promoted as we work to further the critical U.S.-Japan economic relationship."

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Sachin N. Shah is executive vice president for MetLife. He is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of MetLife Insurance K.K. He is also a member of the Board of Directors and representative statutory executive officer of MetLife Insurance K.K. Mr. Shah has held these positions since August 2013 and is responsible for overseeing all of MetLife's Japan operations. Over the last 6 years, he has traveled extensively across Japan visiting MetLife's sales offices, distribution partners, clients, government officials and regulators. Mr. Shah also serves on the board of the U.S.-Japan Business Council, and on the Board of Governors for the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan since 2014.

Mr. Shah joined MetLife in 1999 as a vice president in the company's U.S. institutional business. Since 2006, Mr. Shah was responsible for developing and executing business strategy for MetLife's International business, identifying and managing key growth initiatives as well as mergers and acquisitions in the international markets where MetLife operates. Before his assignments in Japan, Mr. Shah was the global leader for the integration of Alico into MetLife until the transaction was closed in November 2010.

Prior to joining MetLife, Mr. Shah held senior roles in the U.S. financial industry, including at Bankers Trust and National Discount Brokers and Pershing, a division of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation.

Mr. Shah received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in technology and business management from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

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The ACCJ membership also elected a national Treasurer, one Vice President-Tokyo, one Vice President-Kansai, seven Governors-Tokyo, and one Governor-Kansai to serve with the incumbent members on the 2018 ACCJ Board of Governors. The ACCJ Kansai Chapter's Regional Treasurer (a non-board position) was also elected.

Elected Treasurer:

- Nancy L. Ngou, \* Executive Director, EY Advisory & Consulting Co., Ltd.

Elected Vice President-Tokyo:

- Yoshitaka Sugihara, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations, Google G.K.

Incumbent Vice Presidents-Tokyo:

- Amy Jackson, Japan Representative, The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
- Peter M. Jennings, President, Japan & Korea, Associate General Counsel, Dow Chemical Japan Ltd.
- Marie Kissel, Vice President, Global Government Affairs – Asia, Abbott
- Jonathan Kushner, Vice President, Communications, McDonald's Company (Japan), Ltd.

Elected Governors-Tokyo:

- Ryan Armstrong, Director for Corporate Planning, Aflac Japan; Director of Governmental Affairs and Corporate Services, Aflac International, Incorporated

- Alison Jane Espley, Managing Director Japan & Asia Pacific Sales, United Airlines
- Yumi Goto, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications, Coca-Cola (Japan) Company, Limited
- Rebecca K. Green, \* Principal Consultant, ERM Japan
- Tad Johnson, \* General Manager and Representative Director, Pratt & Whitney Aftermarket Japan KK
- Jenifer Simms Rogers, General Counsel Asia, Asurion Japan Holdings G.K.
- Hiroshi Ueki, Head of Government Affairs, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd.

Incumbent Governors–Tokyo:

- Eriko Asai, Executive Managing Director, Government Affairs and Policy, GE Japan
- Brett C. Gerry, President, Boeing Japan K.K.
- Arthur M. Mitchell, Senior Counselor, White & Case LLP
- Ryann Thomas, Partner, PwC Tax Japan
- Megumi Tsukamoto, Director, Government & Corporate Affairs, Japan, Caterpillar Japan LLC

Elected Kansai Chapter leaders:

- Vice President–Kansai: Dr. Stephen Anthony Zurcher, \* Professor and Dean of the Asian Studies Program, Kansai Gaidai University
- Governor–Kansai: Patrik Jonsson, \* President, Eli Lilly Japan, K.K.
- Regional Treasurer–Kansai: † Craig McGovern, \* Director of Operations, Hilton Osaka

Incumbent Chubu Chapter leaders:

- Vice President–Chubu: Ray Proper, IT Manager, H&R Group K.K.
- Governor–Chubu: Michel Weenick, Vice President, Architecture & Construction, Asia Pacific, Hilton Grand Vacations
- Regional Treasurer–Chubu: † Chad Musick, Operations Manager, ThinkSCIENCE Inc.

\* Re-elected

† Non-Board position

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### **About ACCJ**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies. Over its nearly 70-year history, the ACCJ has positioned itself as one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. The ACCJ has approximately 3,500 members who together represent over 1,000 globally minded companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the U.S. and Japanese governments, business organizations and others, the ACCJ engages in activities that advance its mission of further developing commerce between the U.S. and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan. The ACCJ's more than 60 committees represent a variety of industries and make policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as viewpoints, public comments, and white papers.

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