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**U.S. Companies Underscore the Need for  
Constructive Trade and Economic Dialogue  
between U.S. and Japan**

**May 15, 2018** [Washington, D.C.] – Japan-based chief executives of major U.S. companies visited Washington, D.C. last week to emphasize the importance of the Japanese market for U.S. business and underscore the need for constructive trade and economic discussions between the U.S. and Japan.

The meetings with administration officials and members of Congress took place as part of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan's (ACCJ) annual "D.C. Doorknock" - led by ACCJ President Sachin N. Shah.

During the three-day visit, the ACCJ delegation met with the National Security Council, National Economic Council, Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, Office of the Vice President, U.S. Trade Representative, and Departments of Commerce, Treasury, and State, as well as the Embassy of Japan. The ACCJ also met with over 20 members of the U.S. Congress from both political parties.

"Japan is an indispensable American security and economic partner, and is one of the most important markets in the world for U.S. companies," said ACCJ President Sachin N. Shah. "The success of U.S. businesses in Japan drives substantial U.S. job creation, U.S. exports of goods and services, and foreign direct investment into the U.S."

"Last week in Washington, the ACCJ delivered the message that active and constructive dialogue between the U.S. and Japan is critical to the ability of U.S. companies to continue to grow their businesses in Japan and deliver concrete economic benefits in terms of American jobs, American investment, and American exports," he added.

In their meetings, the ACCJ delegation emphasized the need for an active, ongoing trade and economic dialogue between the U.S. and Japan that is structured to address outstanding trade issues and includes a strong private sector voice.

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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 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. The ACCJ holds over 500 events and seminars a year, many of which focus on government policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable and CSR activities.

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