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**ACCJ Re-elects Sachin N. Shah
to Lead the Chamber in 2019**

November 28, 2018 [Tokyo] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Sachin N. Shah has been re-elected to serve as President of the ACCJ in 2019. Shah, who is Chairman, President and CEO of MetLife Insurance K.K., will commence his second term from January 1, 2019.

“I offer congratulations to all who were elected to serve in 2019, and thank our outgoing Board members for their substantial achievements and support this past year. The Japanese market remains vital to the success of thousands of American companies, and it’s an honor to represent our members, especially during this critical juncture in the U.S.-Japan economic partnership,” said Shah.

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Sachin N. Shah is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of MetLife Insurance K.K., and Executive Vice President for MetLife Inc. He is responsible for overseeing all of MetLife's operations in Japan. Shah has held these positions since August 1, 2013.

Shah joined MetLife in 1999 as a Vice President in the company’s U.S. Institutional business. Prior to joining MetLife, Shah held senior roles at companies in the U.S. financial industry, including at Bankers Trust and National Discount Brokers and Pershing, a division of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation. Earlier in his career, he held engineering positions at Schindler Elevator and Allied Signal.

Shah currently serves as a board member for the U.S.-Japan Business Council and as an advisory board member at the Yomiuri International Economic Society. Since January 2018, he has served as president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Shah is married with two sons and a daughter, and is an avid fan of baseball. He received a BS degree in electrical engineering and a master’s degree in technology and business management from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

In addition to the re-election of Sachin N. Shah as ACCJ President, the ACCJ membership also elected 4 Vice Presidents in Tokyo and 1 Vice President in Chubu, and 6 Governors in Tokyo and 1 Governor in Chubu. The ACCJ Chubu Chapter's Regional Treasurer (a non-Board position) was also elected.

Elected President:

- **Sachin N. Shah***
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of MetLife Insurance K.K., and Executive Vice President for MetLife Inc.

Elected Vice President–Tokyo:

- **Peter M. Jennings***
President, Japan & Korea, Associate General Counsel, Dow Chemical
- **Marie G. Kissel***
Senior Advisor, International Government Affairs, Abbott
- **Eric W. Sedlak**
Partner, K&L Gates Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise
- **Ryann Thomas**
Partner, PwC Tax Japan

Elected Governors–Tokyo:

- **Eriko Asai***
President and CEO, Executive Managing Director, Government Affairs and Policy, GE Japan Inc.
- **Brett C. Gerry***
President, Boeing Japan
- **Tad Johnson***
General Manager & Representative Director, Pratt & Whitney Aftermarket Japan KK
- **Mari Matthews**
Corporate Officer, Government Relations, AIG Japan Holdings K.K.
- **Arthur M. Mitchell***
Senior Counselor, White & Case LLP
- **William J. Swinton**
Director, International Business Studies, Temple University, Japan Campus

Elected Chubu Chapter leaders:

- **Vice President–Chubu: Ray Proper***
IT Manager, H&R Consultants
- **Governor–Chubu: Michel Weenick***
Senior Director, Capital Projects Asia Pacific, Hilton Worldwide
- **Regional Treasurer–Chubu**: Chad Musick***
Owner, Musick Analysis, Writing, and Explanation

Incumbent Treasurer:

- **Nancy L. Ngou**
Associate Partner, EY Japan

Incumbent Vice Presidents–Tokyo:

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

Incumbent Governors–Tokyo:

- **Ryan Armstrong**
Director, Corporate Secretariat Department, Aflac Life Insurance Japan, Ltd.
- **Alison Jane Espley**
Managing Director Japan & Asia Pacific Sales, United Airlines
- **Rebecca K. Green**
Principal Consultant, ERM Japan
- **Douglas L. Hymas**
Country Executive, Managing Director, The Bank of New York Mellon
- **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 Kansai Chapter leaders:

- **Vice President–Kansai: Dr. Stephen A. Zurcher**
Professor and Dean, 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

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** 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 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 over 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. 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 approximately 500 events and seminars a year, many of which focus on government policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to its responsibilities in the community, promoting charitable events and CSR activities.

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