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**ACCJ Wraps Up its Annual “Washington, D.C. Doorknock,”
Urging the Early Conclusion of the TPP Agreement**

April 24, 2015 [Washington, D.C.] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) completed its annual “Washington, D.C. Doorknock” today. On April 22 and April 23, Chamber leaders led by ACCJ President Jay Ponazecki met with U.S. lawmakers, government officials, business organizations and thought leaders calling on the United States and Japan to seize the opportunity presented by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s visit to Washington, DC to work together in leading Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

A high-standard, 21st-century agreement will help spur open innovation and competition, promote economic growth and create jobs in the United States and Japan. To this end, the ACCJ applauds the introduction of The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 and supports its timely passage as an essential tool to better facilitate the full conclusion and implementation of the TPP.

“In light of real progress seen on the ground in Japan as the Abe administration moves forward with implementation of structural reform in areas such as corporate governance, labor and agriculture, the timing is right for the United States and Japan to build on their decades-long strategic alliance to take the lead in establishing a high-standard 21st century economic architecture for the Asia Pacific region” said ACCJ President Jay Ponazecki.

The Washington, D.C. Doorknock is one of the ACCJ’s two major consolidated annual advocacy initiatives.

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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. 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 promoting charitable events and CSR activities.

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