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ACCJ Announces Inaugural Cross-border Internship Pilot Program in Collaboration with the U.S. Embassy and U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange

June 17, 2016 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today an inaugural cross-border internship pilot program in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy and U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON). The pilot program is designed to identify best practices and guidelines for establishing and sustaining robust internship programs across ACCJ member organizations in Japan. 11 ACCJ member companies have agreed to participate in this pilot program, which is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016.

The ACCJ Education Task Force will work with ACCJ member companies to establish a pilot program for 30 to 90 day student internships. The ACCJ, U.S. Embassy and CULCON will coordinate promotion of this pilot program through a website encouraging students who study in the United States to intern with ACCJ member companies when they return to Japan. The website will provide a list of ACCJ member company internship programs and application requirements. The goal of the pilot program is to help increase access to internships, to encourage young people to study abroad and to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the United States and Japan.

“The ACCJ’s internship program will reward students who studied in the United States with professional development opportunities in Japan,” said the U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy. “And the companies will benefit from Japanese students who have the language and cultural skills to work on both sides of the Pacific. It’s a win-win for both the students and the companies.”

“Internships provide a valuable learning experience for students and practical experience that can help them as they make the transition from college to a fulfilling career. Increasing global competition necessitates that both Japanese and US businesses seek more global talent in Japan. Through this new internship program the ACCJ looks forward to working with government, universities and businesses to help encourage more Japanese students to study abroad and to foster more globally-oriented future leaders,” said ACCJ President Christopher LaFleur.

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About the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)

The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) is a binational advisory panel that serves to elevate and strengthen the vital cultural and educational foundations of the U.S.-Japan relationship, and to strengthen connections between U.S. and Japan leadership in those fields. It works to ensure that the best of new ideas for cultural, educational and intellectual activity and exchange are implemented as operational programs.

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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