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Leaders gather to “Break the Mold” at the 2017 ACCJ Women in Business Summit

October 20, 2017 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) held its annual Women in Business (WIB) Summit on Tuesday, bringing together more than 500 delegates, including leaders from industry, government, and academia to support the success of women in the workplace.

In her keynote address, Yokohama mayor, Fumiko Hayashi, spoke about the importance of professional networks and encouraged attendees to make the most of opportunities such as the WIB Summit to share issues, raise concerns, and propose solutions to improve diversity.

The Summit also included panel discussions and workshops with approximately 50 prominent speakers from the private sector, government and academia to discuss different themes and share their experiences and insights on diversity issues. In sessions that focused on topics including *Ikumen/Ikuboss*, returning to the workforce, inclusive leadership, entrepreneurship, and ageless workforce, attendees were presented with actionable ideas and hands-on tools to support a more diverse workforce.

“There is a growing trend towards expanding and developing the workforce, which is expected to spur economic growth, but many remain hesitant to embrace this change. The theme of this year’s Summit was breaking the mold, focusing on how to create and implement change. The ACCJ continues to work to promote a diverse and inclusive environment,” said ACCJ President Christopher LaFleur.

For more on the Summit, visit www.accjwibsummit.com.

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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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