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**ACCJ Applauds the Signing of the
Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement**

February 12, 2016 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) applauds the signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement by representatives of the participating countries in Auckland, New Zealand last week. The signing of the agreement is a significant step toward the ratification and implementation of the agreement by each participating country.

The TPP agreement, representing 12 participating nations, encompassing approximately 40 percent of the world's GDP, is a groundbreaking trade agreement. By creating a new high standard 21st century trade architecture, the agreement encourages further trade and investment in an already economically promising region of the world. The ACCJ is hopeful that the TPP will serve as a model for expanding new business frontiers and spurring further economic integration in the region as well as globally.

"The signing of this landmark trade agreement opens the prospect for a new era of exciting trade and investment opportunities for both the U.S. and Japan. Our two countries are critical to the future success of the agreement, and we are encouraged to see that the Japanese government plans to introduce legislation in the current Diet session necessary to meet its TPP obligations. The ACCJ urges the U.S. Government to likewise move forward rapidly to address remaining concerns and approve and implement the agreement. We look forward to engaging with key U.S. stakeholders to help ensure that this historic trade agreement gets the strong support it deserves," said ACCJ President Christopher LaFleur.

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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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