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### **ACCJ Women in Business (WIB) Summit Highlights Global Best Practice in Support of Prime Minister Abe's 30/2020 Goal**

**June 30, 2015** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) held its third annual Women in Business (WIB) Summit yesterday at the ANA InterContinental Hotel, bringing together industry, government, and academic leaders to focus on empowering women in society. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy headlined the approximately 50 speakers and panelists who explored concrete ways organizations – foreign and domestic, public and private – can empower women in key phases of their careers.

“The Abe Administration will not loosen its grip on supporting women’s empowerment. We promise to raise the flag of support for women to shine even brighter” said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Addressing the audience of more than 700 women and men, Ambassador Kennedy said, “[A]s we look ahead to the empowerment of women in Japan and the United States, we know we have a long way to go – but there are people to help us, to inspire us, and to lead us at every step of the way.”

This year’s WIB Summit focused on global best practices for empowering women, with an emphasis on fostering positive tangible, results for women and men in the workplace.

ACCJ President Jay Ponazecki said, “Collaboration between the government and the private sector is essential if we are to realize Prime Minister Abe’s goal of having 30 percent of management and leadership positions filled by women by the year 2020.” She went on to urge the crowd to “take action today” and emphasized that “inside and outside the workplace, our responsibility as leaders is to serve as agents of change.”



Further information on the Summit can be found via the website:  
[accjwibsummit.com](http://accjwibsummit.com)

For more photos and some short video clips of the Summit, please visit the ACCJ's Facebook and Twitter page:

<https://www.facebook.com/The.ACCJ>

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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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