



## Press Release

*For Immediate Release*

### **ACCJ Re-elects Om Prakash to Lead the Chamber in 2023**

**December 8, 2022** [Tokyo] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Om Prakash has been re-elected to lead the Chamber as president in 2023. Prakash, who is Chief Executive for Northrop Grumman Japan, will commence his second term on January 1, 2023.

“It’s a great honor to be re-elected as ACCJ President. I consider it a privilege to work together with the 2023 Board of Governors in serving the diverse membership of the ACCJ to further the Chamber’s mission. I am excited to continue contributing to the U.S.-Japan alliance by representing business on the ground. I also thank our outgoing Board members for their accomplishments and support this past year,” said Prakash.

“The ACCJ plays a critical role for businesses in Japan. I look forward to continuing our work with U.S. Ambassador Rahm Emanuel, Prime Minister Kishida’s administration, our valued U.S. and Japanese government stakeholders, and our various partners on such key issues as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, Japan’s implementation of the economic security law, promoting innovation across sectors, and other initiatives impacting U.S. companies in Japan. The U.S.-Japan partnership is a force for peace and stability in the region. We have made much progress this year, especially with the re-opening of Japan’s borders, and the ACCJ will continue to promote policies and activities that can bolster Japan’s attractiveness as a leading global center for business,” Prakash added.

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Om Prakash is the Chief Executive for Northrop Grumman Japan. He has been with Northrop Grumman for eight years in a variety of roles, including his previous position in corporate strategy. He served more than 25 years in the U.S. Air Force in several roles worldwide, including liaising with the U.S. Congress on behalf of Air Force plans and programs, and working industrial policy for the Pentagon. He is a former instructor of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and has flown over 60 different aircraft for more than 3,000 hours and has over 300 combat hours in the F-15E.

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The ACCJ membership also elected four Vice Presidents–Tokyo, six Governors–Tokyo, one Vice President–Chubu, and one Governor–Chubu to serve with the incumbent members on the 2023 ACCJ Board of Governors. The ACCJ Chubu Chapter’s Regional Treasurer (a non-board position) was also elected.

## **Elected President:**

- **Om Prakash\***  
Chief Executive, Northrop Grumman Japan

## **Elected Vice Presidents–Tokyo:**

- **Mari Matthews**  
Representative Director, Vice Chair and President, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust (Japan) Ltd.
- **Victor Osumi**  
Managing Director and President - Japan, Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- **Yoshitaka Sugihara\***  
Director for Public Policy, Netflix G.K.
- **William Swinton**  
Assistant Dean, International Business Program, Temple University, Japan Campus

## **Elected Governors–Tokyo:**

- **Meghan Barstow**  
President & Representative Director, Edelman Japan
- **Izumi Hamada**  
Vice President, Head of Government Affairs and Policy, Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies in Japan
- **Mitsuhiko Ida**  
Government Affairs Director, Microsoft Japan Co., Ltd.
- **Hans George Klemm**  
Japan Representative, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
- **Anna Maruyama**  
Client Leader, Sony Enterprise Business Unit, IBM Japan, Ltd.
- **David Richards**  
Managing Director, Chief Administrative Officer, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.

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## Elected Chubu Chapter leaders:

- **Vice President–Chubu: Robert W. Roche\***  
Executive Chairman and President, Oak Lawn Marketing, Inc.
- **Governor–Chubu: Mark Hosang\***  
Senior Manager IT Security, Randstad K.K.

## Incumbent Vice President–Tokyo:

- **Douglas Hymas**  
Senior Advisor to the CEO, Fusion Systems Group

## Incumbent Governors–Tokyo:

- **John W. Carlson III**  
Senior Strategic Assistant to Pharma Japan Head, Novartis
- **Nuala Anne Connolly**  
Head of Talent and Deputy Head of HR, AIG Japan Holdings
- **Andrew J. Conrad**  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Aflac Japan  
Senior Vice President, Aflac International
- **James Miller**  
Head of Public Policy, Amazon Web Services Japan, G.K.
- **Frank Packard**  
Partner, Eight Peaks Partners /// EPP Capital
- **William Shaffer**  
President, Boeing Japan

## Incumbent Kansai Chapter leaders:

- **Vice President–Kansai: Jiro Kawakami**  
Vice President & Chief of Staff, MGM Resorts Japan LLC
- **Governor–Kansai: Simone Thomsen**  
President and Representative Director, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.

## 2023 Non-Board Leadership Positions:

- **Regional Treasurer–Chubu: Julian Bashore**  
General Manager & Representative Director, MacDermid Performance  
Solutions Japan K.K.
- **Regional Treasurer–Kansai: Christopher Clark**  
General Manager, JW Marriott Nara

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### **About ACCJ**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies. Over its 74-year history, the ACCJ has positioned itself as one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. The ACCJ has approximately 3,000 members who together represent over 600 globally minded companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Kobe. Working closely with the U.S. and Japanese governments, business organizations and others, the ACCJ engages in activities that advance its mission of further developing commerce between the U.S. and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan including the commitment to demonstrating responsible corporate citizenship. 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 on average 500 events and seminars a year, many of which focus on government policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable and CSR activities.

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