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**ACCJ Extends Warm Welcome to Rahm Emanuel,  
U.S. Ambassador to Japan**

**January 27, 2022** [Tokyo] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) warmly welcomes the arrival of Rahm Emanuel, the new U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

“The ACCJ and its 3,000 members are very pleased to welcome Ambassador Emanuel to Japan so early in the New Year, and look forward to working with him on our nations’ priorities and to strengthen the U.S.-Japan economic partnership, one of the largest and most important in the world. The ACCJ values its close and productive relationship with the U.S. Embassy since our founding 73 years ago,” said ACCJ President Om Prakash.

Prakash added, “Global events continue to reinforce the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship and the mutual security alliance. Ambassador Emanuel has wide-ranging experience and expertise that will bolster our bilateral trade and security partnership, while increasing opportunities for American companies in Japan and investment in both the U.S. and Japan. This is an especially critical time as ACCJ members and the international business community work to mitigate the health and economic impact of the pandemic, and to pave a path forward to achieve sustainable growth over the long-term and re-establish Japan as a leading global financial center.”

“It is an honor to work with such an esteemed leader on our shared mission and goal of improving the global business environment in Japan, and we look forward to deep and continued engagement with Ambassador Emanuel and the whole Embassy team.”

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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 73-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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