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**ACCJ Congratulates Tokyo, on Selection to Host the  
2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

**September 8, 2013** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) congratulates the city of Tokyo and Japan for being selected to host the 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“We are thrilled to hear this exciting news, and wish to offer our sincere congratulations to the Tokyo 2020 Bid Committee, the city of Tokyo and the whole country for this outstanding achievement. Tokyo and Japan have much to offer including world-class infrastructure and a long record of hosting successful international sporting events. In the spirit of our Achieving Growth Together initiative to help revitalize the Japanese economy, we look with optimism to the Games bringing economic growth and a wide array of other benefits to Japan and its people. This is a proud day for everyone in Japan, and the ACCJ looks forward to continue to work with its partners and friends throughout the country as we prepare to make the Tokyo Games an unforgettable success.” said ACCJ President Larry Bates.

Jonathan Kushner, Chair of the ACCJ Tokyo 2020 Olympics Task Force, added, “We could not be more pleased for the Tokyo 2020 Bid Committee and heartily congratulate them on their selection of Tokyo to host the 2020 Games. Our task force has been honored to work so closely with the Bid Committee and other friends of the bid to extoll the tremendous virtues of this great city and its leaders. We know that the real work starts here, and are excited to continue our relationship with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and what will now become the planning committee for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.”

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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, the ACCJ has members representing over 1,000 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan and other business organizations, the ACCJ promotes trade and investment flows between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the environment for international business in Japan. Over 60 committees representing various industries play a central role in making ACCJ policy recommendations by issuing Viewpoints, Public Comments and White Papers and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ also undertakes charitable efforts and supports its members' CSR activities.

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