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**ACCJ Board of Governors appoints Peter M. Jennings  
to succeed Sachin N. Shah as President**

January 25, 2019 – The Board of Governors of The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) on January 24, 2019 appointed Peter M. Jennings, President, Dow Chemical Japan, Ltd. as President of the Chamber to succeed President Sachin N. Shah, who is resigning as he transitions to a new appointment as CEO of Asia Pacific for AIG General Insurance. Jennings will succeed as President of the ACCJ effective February 1, 2019 to serve out the remainder of Shah’s term, ending December 31, 2019.

The meeting of the Board of Governors also appointed Amy Jackson to replace Jennings as a Vice President, as the next highest vote-winner in the ACCJ’s November 2018 election. Accordingly, Jackson will serve the remainder of Jennings’ term, ending December 31, 2020.

Shah commented, “I am fortunate and thankful to have led the ACCJ. We have a rich history, built through the hard work and dedication of our members and ACCJ staff. Our clear sense of purpose, diverse community and commercial focus are enviable attributes, making us a benchmark amongst chambers of commerce. I am confident Peter will push forward our agenda and ensure the ACCJ achieves ever greater recognition as the premier voice of US and international business in Japan.”

Jennings additionally commented, “The smooth and early succession in the ACCJ’s leadership underlines the continuity of our strategy and in the important work currently underway across the Chamber. In a year that will see the commencement of bilateral trade negotiations, the G20, the Rugby World Cup, and many other key milestones, this is the time when the ACCJ will support the growth potential of the world’s most important bilateral partnership.”

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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 approximately 3,400 members 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 its responsibilities in the community, promoting charitable events and CSR activities.

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