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ACCJ Leaders Visit Capitol Hill, Highlight Enduring Importance of U.S.-Japan Commercial Links

November 18, 2016 [Washington, D.C.] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) yesterday concluded a Doorknock with Members of Congress in Washington, D.C. Led by ACCJ President Christopher LaFleur, the delegation included several Japan-based leaders of ACCJ member companies.

The delegation came to Washington to emphasize the strength and importance of the commercial relationship between the United States and Japan.

During the three-day visit, the delegation met with nearly 30 Members of Congress from both major political parties, in addition to key business organizations.

“We brought a clear message to Washington: Japan is among America’s most valuable partners in business, investment and security. It is the second largest economy in Asia, and the second largest overseas market. American firms trading with and operating in Japan represent the full spectrum of U.S. industry, including our cutting-edge technology and manufacturing sectors. Prime Minister Abe’s agenda to reform domestic regulations and revive growth is important for economic gains in both countries,” said ACCJ President Christopher LaFleur.

“Our meetings in Washington confirmed for us that there is an unwavering, bipartisan commitment to maintaining the strong U.S.-Japan economic and security partnerships. The ACCJ and our member companies will continue working actively with Members of Congress as well as with the future Administration to further strengthen our relations with Japan.”

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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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