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**American business leaders deliver message to U.S. lawmakers and officials, "Japan is open for business."**

**May 26, 2011** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) concluded its annual Washington, D.C. Doorknock today. Chamber leaders visited U.S. lawmakers, government officials, business organizations and thought leaders to convey the message that Japan is open for business.

The ACCJ extended thanks to the U.S. government for its support in the wake of the March 11 disasters.

"Japan suffered a tragedy of unimaginable proportions. America's unequivocal response was a testament to the strength of the U.S.-Japan relationship," said Chamber President Michael Alfant.

"Chamber members are committed to Japan for the long run. Even during the crisis, the vast majority of ACCJ members remained open and fully operational."

During their Doorknock meetings, ACCJ delegates urged continued U.S.-Japan collaboration on the recovery and renewal process. President Alfant said, "We believe that further cooperation and harmonization between the U.S. and Japan are vital for fostering economic growth and recovery."

In addition to offering Japan-specific insights, the Chamber also called for passage of the U.S.-Korea Free-Trade Agreement and for meaningful progress on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

The Washington, D.C. Doorknock is one of the ACCJ's largest consolidated advocacy initiatives.

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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. Over 60 committees representing various industries play the ACCJ's central role in making policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as the Business White Paper and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable events and other CSR activities.

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