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3,000 ACCJ Members Unite against COVID-19

April 28, 2020 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that its membership, united in the fight against the coronavirus, is making its resources easily accessible to business partners and the community to support business continuity and social well-being through an initiative called ACCJ vs. COVID-19.

The ACCJ comprises Fortune 500 companies, small and medium-sized enterprises, and entrepreneurs representing the world's top brands and most innovative ideas.

“To overcome this once-in-a-generation challenge, we need to join together as a business community to find creative ways to help each other,” said ACCJ President Peter Fitzgerald, who is also President of Google Japan. “We want the ACCJ to act as a catalyst for community assistance and encourage our membership to look beyond their own businesses to offer broad support. At Google, we are proud to lead on this initiative and happy to team up with our fellow companies on the ACCJ vs. COVID-19 initiative.”

Cisco Japan President Dave West said: “Our culture is about giving back. Right now, that’s what we’re focused on—doing everything we possibly can to help businesses, students, teachers, and governments find a way through this. If technology can help create better connections as people are sitting alone and self-isolating, if it can help them collaborate and solve problems faster—and help make Japanese society better over the months ahead—we’re going to do everything we can to contribute.”

Google and Cisco are joined by many ACCJ member companies in leading the ACCJ vs. COVID-19 initiative. Each company’s offerings and support can be found at www.accj.or.jp/accj-vs-covid-19.html

“Together, our members are helping ensure business continuity and the well-being of Japanese society, whether through tools for teleworking and distance learning or technologies that power the

search for a vaccine,” Fitzgerald said. “Our international business community is committed to the health and prosperity of Japan, and we’re ready to help in any way possible.”

Members from all industry sectors are invited to add their initiatives through that [page](#). Companies that are not members are also invited to contact the ACCJ about working together to benefit the community.

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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 foreign business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, currently 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, 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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