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**AMBASSADOR HOWARD H. BAKER JR. AND CHARLES D. LAKE II
JOIN BOARD OF MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations, announced today that Howard H. Baker Jr., former U.S. ambassador to Japan, and Charles D. Lake II, president of Aflac Japan, have joined the Foundation's board of directors.

"We are delighted to have Ambassador Howard Baker and Charles Lake join the Foundation board," said Mike Delaney, Mansfield Foundation board president. "With their extensive knowledge of Asia and the geopolitical realities in the region, they are able to support the Mansfield Foundation's efforts to inform and strengthen U.S.-Asia relationships and collaboration. Ambassador Baker has served our nation with distinction at the highest levels, including as U.S. senator, Senate majority leader and ambassador to Japan. Charles Lake brings to the Foundation's board many years of Japan experience in both the private sector and government. We look forward to their participation on the board."

Howard H. Baker Jr. served as U.S. ambassador to Japan from June 2001 until February 2005. Previously, he served as U.S. senator (R-TN) from 1967-85, Senate minority leader (1977-81), Senate majority leader (1981-85) and President Reagan's chief of staff (1987-88). Following undergraduate studies at the University of the South and Tulane University, Ambassador Baker received his law degree from the University of Tennessee. He served three years in the Navy during World War II and subsequently worked in the Tennessee law firm founded by his grandfather. Ambassador Baker has received numerous awards, including



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the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984.

Charles D. Lake II is president of Aflac Japan, a position he has held since January 2003. Before joining Aflac in February 1999, Mr. Lake practiced law with Dewey Ballantine LLP in Washington, D.C., handling matters in the areas of international trade and competition policy, international litigation and corporate compliance. Prior to private practice, he served as director of Japan affairs and special counsel to the U.S. Trade Ambassador at the office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). He is currently vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ), a member of the board of directors for the Life Insurance Association of Japan, and Aflac's principal representative to the U.S.-Japan Business Council. Mr. Lake received a B.A. in Asian studies and political science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation also supports the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana.

The Foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), a revered public servant, statesman and diplomat who played a pivotal role in many of the key domestic and international issues of the 20th century as U.S. congressman from Montana, Senate majority leader and finally as U.S. ambassador to Japan. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.

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