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FIVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AWARDED MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIPS
Fourteenth Group to Study Japanese before Working in Japan Next Year

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation today announced that five U.S. federal government officials have been awarded Mike Mansfield Fellowships. The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program is a two-year, government-to-government exchange established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. The Mansfield Fellowship Program provides a select group of federal employees an opportunity to gain proficiency in the Japanese language and practical experience working in the Japanese government. The Japanese language skills and Japanese government experience Fellows acquire during the program prepare them to serve as a resource to their agencies when they return to U.S. federal government service.

The following U.S. government officials were selected by a bi-national committee:

Janet Won Cho, Asia Pacific Regional Specialist, United States Department of Defense

Michael Louis Clark, Fishery Management Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce

Patrick Robert Hollen, Commander, United States Navy

Douglas Ryan Jacobson, International Trade Specialist, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, United States Department of Commerce

Elizabeth Curtis Macheck, Community Planner, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, United States Department of Transportation

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The Mansfield Fellowship Program is the first of its kind for both the United States and Japan. The two-year program allows Fellows to develop an in-depth understanding of Japan and its government through a year of practical work inside Japanese government ministries and agencies, preceded by a year of intensive, full-time Japanese language and area studies in the United States. The Fellowships are administered by The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation through an annual Congressional appropriation, with the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as grantor.

“The fourteenth group of Mansfield Fellows shares an impressive record of international experience and a dedication to developing their understanding of Japan and using this knowledge to benefit their agencies and U.S.-Japan relations,” said Gordon Flake, executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. “The newest Mansfield Fellows join the program from U.S. government agencies across the country and across the Pacific. Their areas of expertise range from trade and security to fisheries management and transportation planning. During their two years as Mansfield Fellows, this select group of federal government employees will have the opportunity to learn firsthand how the Japanese government works and how policies are made and implemented in Japan. This experience, and the professional relationships they build in Japan, will give the Fellows expertise and insights to strengthen their agencies’ Japan-related activities when they return to federal government service in the United States.”

Since the Fellowships were established, 86 Fellows, representing 22 agencies and departments of the U.S. government, have entered the program.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(C)3 organization that advances Mike Mansfield’s lifelong work to promote understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The Foundation’s exchanges, policy dialogues, research and education facilitate dialogue among Asians and Americans, explore the underlying issues that influence policies, create networks among Asian and American leaders, and increase public awareness about Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Japan, and Missoula, Montana.

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