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**FIVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AWARDED MIKE MANSFIELD
FELLOWSHIPS AS PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS TENTH 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, which is celebrating its tenth year, is a two-year, government-to-government exchange—the first of its kind for the United States and Japan.

Established by Congress in 1994, Mansfield Fellowships are building a corps of U.S. government officials who can be a resource to their agencies on Japan issues because they have Japanese language skills and a firsthand understanding of the political, economic and strategic dimensions of the complex U.S.-Japan relationship.

An intensive two-year program, the Fellowships enable a select group of federal employees to develop an in-depth understanding of Japan and its government through hands-on, practical work inside Japanese government ministries and agencies, preceded by a year of intensive, full-time study in the United States of the Japanese language and area studies. 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.

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

Eric N. Christensen, Special Agent/Investigator, Federal Bureau of Investigation

A. Kenneth Goodwin, Jr., Financial Analyst/Examiner, Bank Supervision/Professional Development/Sequential Rotation, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Christopher Kent, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Pollution Prevention Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Amy M. McCall, Major, Action Officer, Installations and Logistics Directorate of Resources, Work Force Structure Branch, U.S. Air Force

James J. Miller, Attorney Advisor, Office of Engineering and Technology, Policy and Rules Division, Spectrum Policy Branch, Federal Communications Commission

“The tenth group of Mansfield Fellows brings to the Fellowship Program extensive experience with Japan, along with a wide range of professional expertise and a commitment to a strong U.S.-Japan relationship,” said Gordon Flake, Executive Director of The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation.

“During their two years in the Mansfield Fellowship Program, the Fellows will learn Japanese, discover how their Japanese hosts address issues similar to those in their U.S. agencies, observe the internal dynamics in Japanese government offices, and build networks of contacts in Japan’s government. They will return to their agencies prepared to work on U.S.-Japan cooperative programs and activities.”

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Since the Fellowships were established, 65 Fellows, representing 20 agencies and departments of the U.S. government, have entered the program. The first eight groups of Fellows have completed the program and returned to work in the U.S. government; many have received assignments and promotions to work on U.S.-Japan issues. The ninth group has completed language and area studies training and traveled to Japan in early July for six weeks of intensive language training before beginning their placements in September.

Since its establishment in 1983, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation has sought to advance 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 the nations and peoples of Asia. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation also supports The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Japan, and Missoula, Montana.

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