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**HAN SEUNG-SOO JOINS 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, today announced that Han Seung-soo, former prime minister of the Republic of Korea, has joined the Foundation's board of directors.

"We are deeply honored that Han Seung-soo has agreed to join the Mansfield Foundation board," said board chairman Walter F. Mondale. "Dr. Han brings a wealth of government and diplomatic experience to the board, which will benefit tremendously from his leadership and vision. We look forward to working with Dr. Han to strengthen U.S.-Korea ties while fulfilling the Foundation's mission of advancing U.S.-Asia understanding and cooperation."

While serving as Prime Minister of Korea from 2008-2009, Han Seung-soo helped guide the country through a period of political change. His policies as prime minister helped steer Korea through the global economic crisis and transform its long-term economic and energy strategies. He previously served as president of the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (2001-2002), Korea's minister of foreign affairs (2001-2002), deputy prime minister and minister of finance (1996-1997), chief of staff to the president of Korea (1994-1995), Korean ambassador to the United States (1993-1994) and minister of trade and industry (1988-1990). Dr. Han also served three terms in Korea's National Assembly.

"It is a privilege to welcome Dr. Han as the first Korean member of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation board of directors," said Foundation Executive Director L. Gordon Flake. "He joins a distinguished group of board members that includes former vice president Walter Mondale, former U.S. secretary of commerce and secretary of transportation Norman Mineta,

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Toyota Motor Corporation honorary chairman Shoichiro Toyoda, and former ambassadors Howard Baker and Thomas Foley. His experience in the Korean and international political, diplomatic and academic arenas is unparalleled. Moreover, the intellectual leadership he has demonstrated on issues including the global recession, climate change, and strategies for green growth will serve the Foundation well as we continue to address critical issues in U.S.-Asia relations.”

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. Among other exchanges, the Foundation has organized opportunities for U.S. lawmakers to visit Asia and for members of Japan’s Diet and Korea’s National Assembly to visit the United States. The Foundation also administers the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, which was established in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. federal government officials with substantial Japan experience.

The Foundation’s recent and upcoming activities include: a program exploring opportunities related to the 2010 and 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings in Japan and the U.S.; a partnership intended to address security challenges in and around the Northeast Asia region; a program to identify and support the next generation of American public policy intellectuals interested in Japan; a symposium on the transfer of war time operational control and its implications for U.S.-ROK relations; and a Mansfield Committee on U.S.-Japan Relations.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors include:

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