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**PAIGE COTTINGHAM-STREATER AWARDED FOREIGN MINISTER'S
COMMENDATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP**

WASHINGTON, D.C. Paige Cottingham-Streater, deputy executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, has received Japan's Foreign Minister's Commendation – an award that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Peace and Amity between Japan and the United States. Ms. Cottingham-Streater, who also serves as director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, was recognized for her longstanding work to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations.

“We are delighted that Paige has received this prestigious award from the government of Japan,” said L. Gordon Flake, executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. “But we are not surprised. During the past decade, Paige has worked tirelessly to establish and build the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, a government-to-government exchange that has created a corps of U.S. federal officials with specialized Japan expertise who facilitate their agencies’ work on Japan-related programs and policies. Paige’s commitment to the bilateral relationship, coupled with her longstanding love of Japan and its people, has made her an effective and widely respected leader on U.S.-Japan issues, both in the United States and Japan.”

Prior to joining the Mansfield Foundation, Ms. Cottingham-Streater served as director for the U.S.-Japan project at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C. Earlier in her career, she worked as counsel and legislative assistant to Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ), and taught English in Japan with the Japan English Teachers (JET) program.

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The Foreign Minister of Japan awarded the Certificate of Commendation to 158 individuals (97) and organizations (61) in the United States and in Japan to recognize their contributions to the advancement of the Japan-U.S. relationship in a wide range of fields such as politics, economics, education, journalism, science and technology, art, and sports. The awards are dated March 31, 2004, coinciding with the day on which the Treaty of Peace and Amity between the two nations was signed in 1854.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. 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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