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## **MANSFIELD-PHRMA RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM LAUNCHED**

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a new Japan exchange, the Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars Program. This program will bring eight young researchers from Japan's pharmaceutical industry to the United States annually to learn about U.S. healthcare policy, pharmaceutical research, regulatory practices and translational research. The program is sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) and is a component of PhRMA's new Young Scientist Program.

During two weeks of meetings in Washington, D.C., New York-New Jersey, and Boston, the Japanese researchers participating in the Research Scholars Program will gain insights into how their counterparts in U.S. government pharmaceutical research programs, pharmaceutical companies, and universities work together to translate research into commercial opportunities.

"The Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars Program builds on the success of previous Mansfield Foundation programs that have brought Japanese healthcare specialists to the United States," said Gordon Flake, executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. "This program offers new opportunities for young Japanese researchers to further their knowledge of U.S. policy and to share best practices in pharmaceutical research and development. Moreover, it will strengthen the network of U.S. and Japanese researchers in the pharmaceutical field, contributing to our countries' shared commitment to quality healthcare and innovative pharmaceutical development."

The Mansfield Foundation is responsible for selecting the eight researchers and will begin actively recruiting young researchers from public and private entities in Japan in the weeks ahead. Information about the application process will be available from the Foundation soon.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. The Foundation celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It 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. 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 has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.