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Celebrating 30 years of Promoting Understanding and Cooperation in U.S.-Asia Relations

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MANSFIELD FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF JAPAN ESTABLISH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation today announced the establishment of a strategic partnership with the International House of Japan (I-House) a non-profit organization incorporated in 1952 to promote cultural exchange and intellectual cooperation between Japan and other countries. Foundation President Charles D. Lake II announced the partnership at the Foundation's 30th Tokyo Anniversary Symposium at the International House of Japan today.

“For decades the Mansfield Foundation and I-House have excelled in the exchange of people and ideas in the United States and Japan, each working independently to advance the dialogues and networks essential to international cooperation,” said Mr. Lake. “This partnership is based on the recognition that by working together we can advance our shared vision for improved understanding and cooperation between the United States and Japan even more effectively.”

A key element of the new strategic relationship will be the expansion of Mansfield Foundation programs at I-House and the development of joint programs in Japan and the United States. To facilitate this programming, the Mansfield Foundation's Tokyo office will move to I-House in 2014.

“I-House has long been recognized for its contributions to intellectual dialogue, its distinguished membership, and the harmony and history of its building and garden,” said Mansfield Foundation Executive Director Gordon Flake. “The Foundation is pleased to establish both a presence at and a partnership with I-House. We are confident this collaboration will strengthen our organizations and our mutual ability to strengthen understanding between the United States and Japan moving forward.”

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 30th 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 20th 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.