



THE MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION

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

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## **MANSFIELD FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR L. GORDON FLAKE TO JOIN PERTH USASIA CENTRE**

(Washington, D.C.) Members of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors this week congratulated Executive Director L. Gordon Flake on his appointment as CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre. The center, which is based at The University of Western Australia in Perth, was launched in November 2012 and is expected to serve as a leading policy think tank on Australia-Asia-U.S. strategic and economic relations.

“The Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors is deeply grateful to Gordon Flake for the energy and expertise with which he led the Foundation for nearly fifteen years,” said Board Chairman Walter F. Mondale. “Under his leadership, the Foundation grew not only in terms of the number and scope of its programs, but also in stature, earning a reputation for substantive policy discussions on issues of critical importance to U.S.-Asia relations.”

Board President Charles D. Lake II noted that “As executive director of the Mansfield Foundation, Gordon Flake used his extensive networks and knowledge of Asia to build collaborative relationships and to develop programs that have increased U.S. engagement with and understanding of the region. Gordon brought unique skills and experience to the Mansfield Foundation, and he carried out the Foundation’s mission with the same sense of integrity, openness and commitment to cooperation that Mike Mansfield himself was known for. It will indeed be a challenge for the Board to replace Gordon, but we congratulate him on this exciting opportunity to further strengthen ties between the United States, Australia and Asia.”

Mr. Lake will head a selection committee tasked with identifying the Foundation’s next executive director. David Boling, the Foundation’s deputy executive director, will serve as interim executive director and handle the day-to-day operations of the Foundation from Mr. Flake’s departure in mid-December until the new executive director is named.

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.