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**MANSFIELD FOUNDATION THOMAS S. FOLEY LEGISLATIVE  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED**

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the Mansfield Foundation Thomas S. Foley Legislative Exchange Program, in honor of Ambassador Thomas S. Foley, who served as chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors from February 2004 to April 2008. A member of the Foundation Board since 1988, Ambassador Foley held a long commitment to the Foundation and its mission. Additionally, as former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and 57<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador Foley was known for his many years of public service and leadership in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations.

The Thomas S. Foley Legislative Exchange Program will kick off in May 2014 with a visit by Japanese legislators to the United States capital. The delegation will meet with their counterparts in government, representatives of the private sector, and the Foundation Board to gain a better understanding of the policymaking processes and practices in both countries and explore opportunities for cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

“This annual program is a tribute to Ambassador Foley and to his commitment to facilitate dialogue between elected officials and policy experts of the United States and Japan,” said former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors. “Participants from both countries will have the opportunity to actively engage with each other on issues of importance to the U.S.-Japan relationship and help create policies that will better serve both countries.”

Board President Charles D. Lake II noted that “Ambassador Foley was an advocate for increased communication between the U.S. Congress and the National Diet of Japan, and was involved in various Congressional-Diet exchanges. This program will ensure that the Ambassador's dedication to deepening U.S.-Japan relations is continued.”

In implementing this program, the Foundation will seek out opportunities to cooperate with other organizations such as the Japan Center for International Exchange under its U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program.

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



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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.