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TEN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AWARDED MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIPS

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation today announced that ten U.S. federal government officials have been awarded Mike Mansfield Fellowships for 2015-2016. This is the twentieth group of Fellows to have been selected for the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, which was established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. Their selection brings the Mansfield Fellowship network to one hundred and thirty Fellows, representing twenty-five U.S. agencies, commissions and the U.S. Congress.

The twentieth group of Mansfield Fellows includes:

Daniel Benson, Major, United States Marine Corps
Jeffrey Deane, Japan Country Program Director, United States Navy
Darrell Doss, Economic Policy Counsel, U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee
Monica Herrera, Captain, United States Air Force
Mahmoud Jardaneh, Project Engineer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Nathan Jorgensen, Captain, United States Air Force
Jeffrey Kim, Captain, United States Navy
Zensaku Munn, Major, United States Air Force
Patrick Rory Tibbals, Captain, United States Air Force
John Wright, Captain, United States Air Force

The new Mansfield Fellows will gain an in-depth understanding of the Japanese government and policymaking process during the one-year Fellowship Program, which includes a seven-week intensive Japanese language program and ten months of placements in the government of Japan and nongovernmental entities. This unique professional development opportunity for U.S. government officials will also allow the Fellows to develop networks of contacts in the government of Japan as well as the business, professional, and academic communities.

“The ten Mansfield Fellows selected this year are an impressive group whose skills and interests underscore the continued relevance of the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program to the U.S.-Japan relationship,” said Frank Jannuzi, President and CEO of the Mansfield Foundation. “The new Fellows will be building their expertise and contacts in areas that are critically important to our countries, including alliance management, cyber communications, tax policy, and nuclear power safety. I am especially pleased that the group includes representatives from the United States Marines and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, both firsts for the Fellowship Program. I am

confident that the new Fellows will take full advantage of this unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of the bilateral relationship and the challenges and changes facing the United States and Japan -- from revisions to the 1997 U.S.-Japan Defense Guidelines and tensions over regional maritime disputes to negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.”

The Mike Mansfield Program is administered by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation through an annual congressional appropriation, with the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as grantor.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. 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.