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Statement Welcoming the Visit to Japan by Vice President Pence

The Steering Committee of the Mt. Fuji Dialogue

The Mt. Fuji Dialogue program warmly welcomes the visit to Japan by His Excellency Michael R. Pence, the 48th Vice President of the United States. We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the assistance by the Embassy of the United States in Tokyo in providing the opportunity for executives of many of our member corporations to meet and exchange views with Mr. Pence.

During his long service as Governor of Indiana and member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Pence showed his understanding of the importance of Japan-U.S. exchanges, and devoted his energies in particular to promoting trade and investment. The steady advancement of exchanges between Japan and the United States, which share the same basic values, is a cornerstone of development of the Asia-Pacific region. It is a source of great pride to us that Vice President Pence is the first recipient of the Mt. Fuji Dialogue Global Leadership Award for his enormous contributions in this regard. We look forward to his continued leadership on behalf of Japan-US exchanges over a wide range of areas.

The Mt. Fuji Dialogue was launched in 2014. In the midst of major changes in the environment for alliance partners Japan and the US, the program aims to further intellectual exchanges, helping to maintain stable relations based on mutual understanding, so that this alliance may continue to play a central role toward world peace and growth. The corporate members of the Mt. Fuji Dialogue strongly wish to further frank and friendly dialogue between Japan and the US under the Trump administration, and are committed to building a win-win relationship between the two countries on the business front.

We in the Mt. Fuji Dialogue want Vice President Pence to know that he is always welcome to visit Japan. Our desire is to have as many opportunities as possible for dialogue and exchanges, including at our annual conference held each autumn. We hope that we could send the delegations of executives from the Mt. Fuji Dialogue member corporations to the US in the near future to meet with Vice President Pence and other distinguished leaders in a variety of fields in the US as well. We are confident that member corporations have already made major contributions to the US economy through their respective businesses and will do so in coming years. The Mt. Fuji Dialogue intends to continue its activities as a big bridge between Japan and the US. We ask for your ongoing support.