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INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCES TITLE SPONSORS
Event to bring together leaders from Japan and U.S.

LOS ANGELES (January 29, 2007) – Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD), an organization dedicated to developing global women leaders is pleased to announce its corporate title sponsors for its inaugural symposium to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2007 in Los Angeles. The symposium, to be held at the New Otani Hotel and Garden titled “21st Century Women Leaders: Building Bridges Across the Pacific” is designed to gather corporate, business, academic, non-profit, and entrepreneurial women leaders from Japan and the U.S.

Corporate sponsors of the event include: Johnson and Johnson, Hitachi, IBM, American Honda Motor Company, Inc., Canon U.S.A., Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Company, Ltd., Southern California Edison and Union Bank of California.

“GOLD thanks each company for its commitment to diversity and vision to build bridges between the U.S. and Japan,” said Hiroko Tatebe, founder and executive director, GOLD. “Their sponsorship is a testament to the importance of this symposium.

According to JoAnn Heffernan Heisen, corporate vice president and chief global diversity officer of Johnson & Johnson, “our Company's commitment to maximizing the power of diversity and inclusion worldwide is aligned with the mission and vision of the Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD). Across the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, the different perspectives, thoughts, skills, backgrounds and experiences of our employees help shape us as an organization and increase our ability to meet the needs of patients and consumers worldwide.” She continues, “GOLD's

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mission to develop global leaders and cultivate diverse talent is an aim that we strongly value and embrace. In support of this, Johnson & Johnson is proud to be a global sponsor of GOLD's forthcoming symposium for women leaders in the United States and Japan."

GOLD's mission to foster professional and leadership growth of current and future business and professional women by providing educational, inspirational and motivational activities and events that build leadership bridges across the Pacific is exemplified with the inaugural symposium. GOLD's symposium will offer opportunities for women to share and exchange knowledge and explore collaborative strategies for advancing workforce diversity and economic opportunity and growth.

"Partnering with GOLD embodies many of the goals and strategies of Hitachi's own CSR program. We believe in nurturing the collaboration between the United States and Japan, since we much to learn from each other," said Donna Brown, human policy leader, corporate social responsibility, Hitachi America. "We also believe that one of the keys to our success is in the advancement of women throughout the organization and society. We are pleased to be a sponsor of this momentous event."

GOLD's full-day symposium will feature business, non-profit and educational leaders from Japan and the United States. For additional information on GOLD and the symposium please visit www.goldleaders.org.

About GOLD

The Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD) focuses on developing global women leaders. GOLD will foster professional and leadership growth of current and future business and professional women by providing educational, inspirational and motivational activities and events that build "leadership bridges across the Pacific." GOLD is currently under the fiscal sponsorship of Community Partners' Nonprofit Incubator Project. Community Partners is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which helps social entrepreneurs and visionary leaders initiate important and timely projects that provide innovative strategies and solutions for addressing some of the most pressing problems of our time.

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