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FRANK MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG TO RETIRE

Following 14 years of service as the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Frank Martin has announced plans to retire.

Commenting upon Mr. Martin's retirement, AmCham Chairman Jon Zinke said, "We have been very fortunate to have someone of Frank's caliber and ability running the Chamber through what has been some of the most exciting and challenging times in Hong Kong the past 14 year. We will miss him and wish him well in his retirement."

Mr. Martin has been a pillar of the American community in Hong Kong. He is known throughout the region as a champion of trade and investment between the United States and Asia. In July 2002, Mr. Martin was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in recognition of his significant contributions in fostering close economic and business ties between the United States and Hong Kong, and also for his active services to the Hong Kong community.

The prestigious "To Peace and Commerce" medal, from the United States Department of Commerce, was recently presented to Mr. Martin by United States Consul General, James Keith. The well-deserved award honours Mr. Martin's exceptional efforts to foster American/Hong Kong trade and economic relations.

Mr. Martin has been actively engaged in community and educational activities and has participated on numerous boards and advisory committees. He served from 1979 to 1985 as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and was elected its President in 1983. Mr. Martin was a member of the Board of Management of the Hong Kong International School for eleven years. He is a past president of the American Club, a founding member of the Hong Kong America Center and a member of the Hong Kong Ethics Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Martin is a member of the National Committee on U.S. – China Relations, the Hong Kong – United States Business Council, the Asia Society, American Society of Association Executives, and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is a non-executive director of Arts Optical Manufactory Ltd.

Frank Martin was appointed President of AmCham in December 1990, following a 25-year career with Security Pacific National Bank. His assignments included 14 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Canton.

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