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INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN EARNS AACSB INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Tampa, Fla., USA (February 20, 2018)—AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) announces that International University of Japan (IUJ) has earned accreditation for its Graduate School of International Management (GSIM). Founded in 1916, AACSB is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools, and the largest business education network connecting students, educators, and businesses worldwide.

"AACSB Accreditation recognizes institutions that have demonstrated a focus on excellence in all areas, including teaching, research, curricula development, and student learning," said Stephanie M. Bryant, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "We congratulate the International University of Japan and Dean Wenkai Li on earning accreditation, and applaud the entire Graduate School of International Management team—including the administration, faculty, directors, staff, and students—for their roles in earning this respected honor."

Synonymous with the highest standards of quality, AACSB Accreditation inspires new ways of thinking within business education globally and, as a result, has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business schools. Today, **810 institutions across 53 countries and territories** maintain AACSB Accreditation. Furthermore, **186 institutions** maintain an additional specialized AACSB Accreditation for their accounting programs.

"With an English-based curriculum—enhanced by a rich cultural heritage, multinational student body, and multiethnic society— GSIM's global reach continues to expand. Ranked among the world's top 100 business schools, GSIM is a truly internationalized school with on-campus students from around the world and alumni spreading across more than 120 countries. The whole school is excited about obtaining AACSB Accreditation, through which we are committed to providing high-quality education while striving to reach our highest potential in the future," said IUJ President Hiroyuki Itami, and IUJ GSIM Dean Wenkai Li. "We would like to thank our AACSB mentor, peer-review team members, and AACSB chief executives and staff for their immeasurable help and guidance."

AACSB Accreditation provides a framework of 15 international standards against which business schools around the world assess the quality of their educational services. These standards ensure continuous improvement and provide focus for schools to deliver on their mission, innovate, and drive impact. AACSB-accredited schools have successfully undergone a rigorous review process conducted by their peers in the business education community, ensuring that they have the resources, credentials, and commitment needed to provide students with a first-rate, future-focused business education.

"IUJ's Graduate School of International Management's commitment to earning accreditation is a true reflection of their dedication not only to their students, alumni network, and greater business community, but to the higher education industry as a whole," said Bryant. "Today's students are tomorrow's business leaders, and the addition of the International University of Japan to the network of AACSB-accredited business schools will have a lasting positive impact for their institution, both locally and globally."

AACSB International also announced that Robert Gordon University, Georgia Gwinnett College, IFIM Business School, Lawrence Technological University, Tunghai University, Umeå University, Universidad de Monterrey, University of Saskatchewan, University of Science and Technology Beijing, and University of Southampton have earned accreditation in business.

About AACSB International

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