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**RYAN SHAFFER JOINS MANSFIELD FOUNDATION TEAM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation today announced that Ryan Shaffer has joined the Foundation's Washington, D.C., office as Program Associate. Mr. Shaffer's primary responsibility will be managing many of the Foundation's Japan programs, including the new Mansfield Committee on U.S.-Japan Relations and exchanges for Diet members and Japanese economists, as well as energy and environment and other policy dialogues. He also will oversee the Mansfield Asian Opinion Poll Database and direct the Foundation's internship program.

Prior to joining the Mansfield Foundation, Mr. Shaffer served as a research analyst for the Washington office of the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan. In that position, his responsibilities included helping represent Japan's nuclear program to U.S. policymakers and others and analyzing developments in U.S. policy on energy, nonproliferation, and Japan. Mr. Shaffer worked in Japan for two years as an English language specialist for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. He speaks Japanese and some Mandarin Chinese.

Mr. Shaffer has a master's degree in Asian politics from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies and a bachelor's degree in environmental policy from Bates College. He is a member of the academic honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(C)3 organization that advances Mike Mansfield's lifelong work to promote understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The Foundation's exchanges, policy dialogues, research and education facilitate dialogue among Asians and Americans, explore the underlying issues that influence policies, create networks among Asian and American leaders, and increase public

awareness about Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Japan, and Missoula, Montana.

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