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### Welcome Message from Mr. Seisaku Okafuji, President of Japan Customs Brokers Association

We are pleased to announce that the “IFCBA 2025 Kyoto World Conference” will be held from March 25 to March 28, 2025, at the Kyoto International Conference Center.

As the host of this prestigious IFCBA conference, the Japan Customs Brokers Association is honored to welcome customs brokers, trade experts, and policymakers from around the world to Kyoto. Under the theme “*Borders Divide: The Value of Customs Brokers’ Strategic Connection*,” the conference will explore the vital role customs brokers play in facilitating seamless international trade, ensuring compliance, and enhancing the security of global supply chains.

Kyoto holds a special place in customs history, as it was here in 1973 that the “International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Kyoto Convention)” was adopted by the World Customs Organization. We look forward to gathering stakeholders from across the globe to discuss building a sustainable global community of customs brokers and shaping the future direction of our community.

Kyoto, a city steeped in tradition and innovation, is in beautiful bloom of cherry blossoms this time of year and will serve as the perfect backdrop for meaningful discussions, networking, and collaboration among global participants. It is a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge, address challenges, and shape the future of the industry together.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kyoto in March 2025. Together, let us strengthen our global connections and create new opportunities for international trade.

Warm regards,

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