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-- Coverage from Overseas Expanding --

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C-SPAN AIRS TWO-HOUR LOOK AT U.S. - JAPAN RELATIONS

Special Highlights: Japan's Culture, Politics and Economy

Washington, D.C., November 5 -- This Sunday, C-SPAN will air the conclusion of a two-part look at U.S. - Japan relations with a two-hour special focusing on the cultural, political, and economic differences between the countries.

The special, **Sunday, December 9, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM (ET)**, features an interview with T.R. Reid, East Asia bureau chief for the Washington Post, a roundtable discussion with three Americans living and working in Tokyo, and a walking tour of a Japanese market.

C-SPAN kicked off its special U.S. - Japan programming on Thursday, November 29 -- the 100th anniversary of the Japanese Diet -- with a live "space bridge" Call-in hosted by Brian Lamb in Tokyo. The two-hour program marked the first time members of the Japanese Diet, members of Congress and citizens of both countries engaged in a live, spontaneous dialogue on television. *Fourteen* ~~Seven~~ viewers from both the United States and Japan called in to discuss issues such as the rice trade, competition in the electronics industry, the role of politicians in resolving the differences between the two countries, the Persian Gulf situation, and recent controversial racial comments made by a Japanese official.

U.S. Representatives Dan Glickman (D-KS), Jim Leach (R-IA), James Traficant (D-OH), and Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) took part from C-SPAN's studios on Capitol Hill, while Japanese House of Representatives members Kouii Kakizawa and Kouichi Kato joined Lamb in the Japanese Satellite Broadcast studios in Tokyo.

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[Slide ID: Japanese House of Representatives members Kouii Kakizawa (left) and Kouichi Kato (center) join C-SPAN host Brian Lamb (right) in the Japanese Satellite Broadcast studios in Tokyo.]

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