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**”BEN FRANKLIN” TO JOIN JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES
AT THE U.S. PAVILION**

Nagakute July 1, 2005. We are happy to welcome our guiding spirit at the U.S. Pavilion, the world-famous inventor, scientist, diplomat and statesman, Benjamin Franklin, to our Fourth of July events,” said Douglas West, Deputy U.S Commissioner-General.

“Of course, Ben cannot really be with us, said West, “but we will have Joe Ochman, the Hollywood actor who plays Franklin in our Pavilion film, to help us bring Franklin’s values to our Fourth of July festivities.”

“I am honored to stand in for Franklin at the events,” said Mr. Ochman, “I look forward very much to meeting some of the thousands of visitors who are seeing the Franklin Spirit show into which we poured so much hard work and enthusiasm.”

A U.S. Air Force Color Guard will post the colors to begin the event, which will be run twice on the Global Commons 2 Stage at 11:30 AM and 1300 PM.

The Aichi Prefecture Police Band will play the U.S. National Anthem, and other American patriotic music.

Franklin was the final editor of Jefferson’s draft of the Declaration of Independence. The Pavilion’s “Ben Franklin” will read the opening paragraphs of the Declaration, and make remarks which will be interpreted into Japanese.

The Color Guard will then retire the colors, and the ceremony will end.

Throughout the day, there will be a fireworks display on the Global Vista, the giant LED screen on the façade of the U.S. Pavilion.