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**Tokyo Electron Limited Hosts Grand Opening of U.S. Corporate Headquarters;**  
**Announces Major Contributions to ACC and Montopolis Recreation Center**

(AUSTIN, TX; October 29, 1996): In commemoration of the Grand Opening of its U.S. corporate headquarters facility in Southeast Austin today, officials of Tokyo Electron America (TEA) presented checks for \$25,000 each to the Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology program at Austin Community College (ACC), and to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) for programs and equipment at the Montopolis Recreation Center. TEA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL), one of the world's leading manufacturers of semiconductor production equipment.

The facility, which has been under construction since early last fall, is located at the intersections of Grove Boulevard, Montopolis Boulevard and Riverside Drive.

"This is a proud day for Tokyo Electron," said Richard Rogers, President of TEA. "With this ceremony, we are marking not only our continued commitment to our customers, but to the Austin and Montopolis communities as well."

Top officials of TEL were in Austin to present donations to representatives of Austin Community College and the City of Austin PARC.

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"We selected this city and this site with great care, and TEL is proud to call this neighborhood home," said Akira Inoue, Chairman of TEL. "They have welcomed us with open arms and now it is our turn to show our appreciation to the neighbors, educators and businesses that have made this such a special place to be."

The donation to Austin Community College will help support the Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology (SMT) program, which was started two years ago to encourage area residents to pursue careers in the semiconductor industry. Part of the TEL contribution will help equip laboratories currently being used by students enrolled in the program. Additional funds will be used to support the SMT scholarship program, in order to assist deserving area students who may otherwise not be able to afford enrollment in the program.

Inoue also presented a check to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department to support programs and to help buy equipment at the Montopolis Recreation Center.

"The Montopolis Recreation Center is all of the good things that make neighborhoods thrive," Inoue said. "It is a central communications center, an after-school and after-hours recreation facility, a warm place to meet and a safe place to learn. It is the heart of our new neighborhood and we are proud to support these efforts."

Funds donated to the PARD will be used to buy: **three scoreboards** for the new Montopolis Sportsplex, which is scheduled to be completed for the 1998 baseball season; **a regulation boxing ring** to enhance one of the most active boxing programs in the City of Austin; **kitchen equipment**, including a commercial stove and refrigerator in order that area residents can conduct fundraisers and sponsor special events at the Center; and **additional funds** to be used for life and health skills, drug awareness and employment preparedness education at the Center.

Check presentations were made at a joint press conference that preceded an evening ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new home of TEA. The ceremony commemorated the completion of the first phase of construction on the 60 acre site, which includes a 70,000 square foot office building and a 30,000 square foot parts and training facility.

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TEL also recently opened their first manufacturing facility in the Portland suburb of Hillsboro, where they manufacture diffusion furnace products and currently employ roughly 100 people in the 175,000 square foot facility. In addition, TEL announced the formation of Tokyo Electron Massachusetts (TEM) on October 1 of this year. TEM manufactures chambers for its etcher products at their facility. TEL is currently considering sites for another manufacturing facility in the United States, for which Austin is a strong candidate.

“These projects are part of a massive globalization effort undertaken by TEL about two years ago when they formed subsidiaries in the United States, Europe and Korea,” said Rogers. “TEL’s commitment to customer service is strengthened through this expanded network of sales/service offices and, very soon, through locating more manufacturing operations closer to our customers there in U.S.”

Tokyo Electron is one of the top manufacturers of semiconductor and LCD production equipment in the world. Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, it is a \$4.2 billion global company with over 6,800 employees worldwide. TEL is a public company and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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