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AZUMANO TRAVEL RECEIVES AMERICAN EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

PORTLAND, OREGON (February 12, 2007) Azumano Travel announced today that it was named winner of this year's prestigious American Express Travel *Representative Excellence Award*. Azumano is one of only 27 members of the American Express U.S. Representative Travel Network to receive the award, which recognizes strong performance in sales and customer service. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Azumano has received the Representative Excellence Award. Azumano owner Sho Dozono will join the other winners and be honored on a seven-day trip to Egypt called "Wings Over the Nile," by INTRAV. This trip, tailored specifically for the Representative Excellence Award winners, will take place from April 12th – 19th and includes a private chartered jet flight to Abu Simbel and a trip down the Nile on the luxurious Oberoi Philae.

"The Representative Excellence Award recognizes our top-performing Representative agencies," said Ellen Bettridge, vice president of the U.S. Representative Travel Network. "I am pleased to recognize Azumano Travel's great accomplishments. Azumano has represented the American Express brand well and delivered extraordinary results in 2006."

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The *Representative Excellence Award* honors the achievements of the Representative Travel Network member agencies that have reached superior sales results driving cruise and tour supplier goals and have secured the highest year-over-year sales growth. American Express Travel's cruise and tour suppliers are among the most respected names in the travel industry known for providing excellent customer service and travel experiences.

"We are pleased to have received this prestigious award for the fifth consecutive year," said Azumano owner Sho Dozono. We value our relationship with American Express and the wide range of travel benefits, consulting and financial services we are able to offer our clients as a result of our strategic partnership with this well respected and highly recognized industry giant."

About Azumano Travel

Azumano Travel was founded in 1949 in Portland, Oregon, and has been a member of the American Express Representative Travel Network since 2001. Azumano is a multifaceted enterprise with a combined staff of 250 and sales revenues of more than \$225 million. The company has offices in Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene in Oregon; Vancouver, Seattle, and Redmond in Washington, and an office in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information, visit www.azumano.com.

About American Express

American Express entered the travel agency business in 1915 and today is one of the world's largest travel agency networks. The company has more than 2,200* Travel and Foreign Exchange Services locations worldwide in more than 140 countries.

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