San Francisco, CA (April 8, 2015) San Francisco-based publisher Chronicle Books LLC announced today that it has entered into a partnership with Top Partners Co, Ltd, (a subsidiary of Culture Entertainment) to establish Chronicle Books Japan Co, Ltd.

Headquartered in Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Chronicle Books Japan Co, Ltd will be the exclusive distributor of Chronicle Books products in the Japanese market, including English language books, stationery and gifts as well as Japanese language editions. As part of this agreement, Chronicle Books Japan Co, Ltd will establish branded boutiques in a number of flagship Tsutaya Mega bookstores throughout Japan by the end of 2016, the first boutique opening in May of this year. In addition to these store-in-store concepts, Chronicle Books Japan is scheduled to open a Chronicle Books branded micro-store in Tokyo this summer, modelled after Chronicle Books’ bookstores in San Francisco.

“We were looking for the next wave of publishing culture,” says Kazuo Nakanishi, CEO of Top Partners. “Chronicle Books is exactly what we have long admired and are looking forward to bringing their books and brand to the Japanese market.”

“This partnership with Top Partners represents an exciting opportunity for Chronicle Books to expand our distribution in Japan, but also gain brand awareness with the consumers by having a Chronicle Books store in Tokyo, and a permanent and dedicated space in one of their leading bookstore chains. We’re pleased to be working with Top Partners on this exciting endeavor.” says Jack Jensen, President of Chronicle Books.

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About Chronicle Books Chronicle Books, one of the most admired and respected publishing companies in the U.S., was founded in 1967 and over the years has developed a reputation for award-winning, innovative books. Recognized as one of the fifty best small companies to work for in the U.S. (and the only independent publisher to receive this award), the company continues to challenge conventional publishing wisdom, setting trends in both subject and format, maintaining a list that includes much admired illustrated books and gift products in design, art, architecture, photography, food, lifestyle, pop culture, and acclaimed children’s titles. Chronicle Books’ objective is to create and distribute exceptional publishing that’s instantly recognizable for its spirit, creativity, and value. For more information about Chronicle Books visit www.chroniclebooks.com
About Top Partners Inc. Top Partners was founded in 2003 as a multi-entertainment company part of Culture Convenience Club to provide and produce all type of entertainment, music, amine, movie, magazine and books with variety of formats. Top Partners holds 20 multi entertainment firms and new venture and their object is discovering new lifestyle and new entertainment cultures.