Chief Executive Leadership InstituteHonors Dr. Lisa Su with Legend in Leadership Award

June 3, 2021- Dr. Lisa Su, chief executive officer of Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), will accept the Legend in Leadership award of the Yale Chief Executive Leadership Institute during the virtual Yale CEO Summit. The Legend in Leadership award will be presented to Dr. Su by Arvind Krishna, chair and CEO, IBM Corporation

Lisa Su has served as AMD president and chief executive officer since October 2014. Previously, she was chief operating officer responsible for integrating AMD’s business units, sales, global operations and infrastructure enablement teams into a single market-facing organization responsible for all aspects of product strategy and execution. Dr. Su joined AMD in January 2012 as senior vice president and general manager, global business units and was responsible for driving end-to-end business execution of AMD products and solutions. Prior to joining AMD, Dr. Su served as senior vice president and general manager, Networking and Multimedia at Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. and spent the previous 13 years at IBM in various engineering and business leadership positions, including vice president of the Semiconductor Research and Development Center responsible for the strategic direction of IBM’s silicon technologies, joint development alliances and semiconductor R&D operations.

Dr. Su earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She has published more than 40 technical articles and was named a Fellow of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers in 2009. In 2018, Dr. Su was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and received the Global Semiconductor Association’s Dr. Morris Chang Exemplary Leadership Award. In 2019, Dr. Su was named one of the World’s 50 Best CEOs by Barron’s, one of the “Most Powerful Women in Business” by Fortune Magazine and she was included in The Bloomberg 50 list of people who defined the year. In 2020, Fortune named Dr. Su #2 on its “Business Person of the Year” list, she was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Science, received the Grace Hopper Technical Leadership Abie Award, and was honored by the Semiconductor Industry Association.
with its highest honor, the Robert N. Noyce Award. Dr. Su has been a member of the board of directors of Cisco Systems, Inc., since January 2020. She also serves on the board of directors for the Semiconductor Industry Association and the Global Semiconductor Alliance.

Summit organizer Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, senior associate dean for leadership studies at the Yale School of Management, commented: “Far more impressive than even her sterling credential and dazzling portfolio of awards is Lisa Su’s soaring record of accomplishment. Despite her quiet humility, I know of no more breathtaking a transformational leader than Lisa Su. She has championed a radical redesign of their chips and positioned AMD as a leader in high performance computing over the past six to become one of the top performing major tech companies. AMD chips are now in 20 percent of new PCs up from around 7 percent when she took over. Their market cap has soared from $2.5 billion to almost $100 billion its stock up 1,300%. AMD’s product performance is so compelling the US Department of Energy selected its chips to power its first exascale supercomputer project at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tenness and its being used at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the high performance computers vital for nuclear deterrence. With all this, as the first woman to lead a big chipmaker, she still finds time to mentor rising women leaders.”

The Legend in Leadership Award was created 25 years ago to honor current and former CEOs who serve as living legends to inspire chief executives across industries, sectors, and nations. Past recipients include: Anthony Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Doug McMillon, CEO, Walmart; Arne Sorenson, CEO, Marriott International; Andrew J. Young, mayor (1982-1990), Atlanta, Georgia, and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (1977-1979); Brian C. Cornell, chair and CEO, Target Corporation; Doug McMillan, president and CEO, Walmart; Ivan G. Seidenberg, chair and CEO, Verizon Communications; Ken Frazier, chair and CEO, Merck & Co.; Arne Sorenson, CEO, Marriott International; Randall L. Stephenson, chairman and CEO, AT&T; Colin Powell, retired four-star U.S. Army General, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989–93), and 65th U.S. Secretary of State (2001–05); Virginia M. (Ginni) Rometty, chairman, president, and CEO, IBM Corporation; Janet Yellen, United States Secretary of the Treasury; Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever PLC; Mary T. Barra, chairman and chief executive of General Motors Company; Brian Moynihan, chairman and CEO, Bank of America; David M. Rubenstein, co-founder and co-executive chairman, The Carlyle Group; Leonard S. Schleifer, president and CEO, and George D. Yancopoulos, president and chief scientific officer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals; Brian Roberts, CEO, Comcast; Marillyn Hewson, CEO, Lockheed Martin; Jamie Dimon, CEO, JPMorgan Chase; and Ken Chenault, chair and CEO, American Express. A full list of recipients can be found online.

The summit theme is “The Ins & Outs of Infrastructure: Getting from Here to There.” A conversation with 60 mid- to large-size city mayors will kick off the Summit, followed by a
lively, candid discussion with distinguished global corporate leaders from across industries for the final CEO Summit, held remotely over Zoom.

IBM CEO Arvind Krishna will present this award. Also attending are US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Anne Neuberger, Deputy National Security Advisor, Cyber & Emerging Tech, National Security Council; and CEOs and chairs from such firms as: General Motors; Goldman Sachs; American Airlines; Delta Air Lines; IBM; Deloitte; Hyundai; AMD; Freeport-McMoRan; eBay; Royal Caribbean; Stanley Black& Decker; Snap-on; Lowes Hotels; Goodyear; Xerox; and Hewlett Packard Enterprise. A full list of CEO Summit and Mayors College participants can be found online.

Conference partners include AccuWeather, Deloitte, Evercore, Gladstone Place Partners, IBM, IEX, Korn Ferry, The Stagwell Group, and UPS.

The Yale Chief Executive Leadership Institute was founded in 1989 to provide original research on top leadership and lively, current educational forums through peer-driven learning for accomplished leaders across a range of sectors. For more information, visit http://celi.som.yale.edu/.

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