

## 2008 Spring Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers	Contributed to enhanced friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States of America	*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan *Former United States Senator *Former United States Senate Majority Leader *Former Chief of Staff to President Ronald Reagan	Howard Henry Baker, Jr. (82)	Huntsville, Tennessee, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and strengthening the economic relations between Japan and Indonesia	*Former Coordinating Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry *Former State Minister for National Development Planning *Former Minister for Energy and Mining *Current Chairman, House of Regional Representatives (DPD) *Current President of the Indonesia-Japan Friendship Association	Ginandjar Kartasasmita (67)	DKI Jakarta Province, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the development of Japan-China relations and the intensification of the bilateral economic ties	*Former State Council Vice Premier *Former State Council State Councilor	Gu Mu (93)	China  (China)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of relations between Japan and Africa through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)	*Former Co-Chairperson of the Global Coalition for Africa (GCA) *Former Speaker of National Assembly, Republic of South Africa	Frene Noshir Ginwala (76) (F)	Gauteng Province, South Africa  (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the social welfare of the Japanese-American people, the preservation and passing on of Japanese cultural heritage, and the promotion of friendship between Japan and the United States	*Honorary Chairman, Japan-America Society of Southern California Centennial Celebration Committee *Former Chairman, U.S. Kenwood Americas Corporation *Chairman and President, Aratani Foundation *Member of Board of Governors, Japanese American National Museum	George Aratani (90)	Hollywood, California, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of academic and personal exchanges between Japan and Indonesia	*Former Minister of Research and Technology and the Chairman of BPPT *Current President (Rector) of the Al-Azhar University, Indonesia	Zuhul (66)	DKI Jakarta Province, South Jakarta, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Indonesia and also between Japan and ASEAN Member States	*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan *Former Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation	Wisber Loeis (73)	DKI Jakarta Province, South Jakarta, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing economic relations between Japan and Egypt	*Chairman, Egypt-Japan Business Council *Former Chairman, Federation of Egyptian Industries *Chairman, Seoudi Group	Abdel-Moneim Seoudi (70)	Giza, Egypt  (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of intellectual exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Arab countries	*Director, Library of Alexandria *Head of the Egyptian Delegation, Japan-Arab Dialogue Forum	Ismail Serageldin (63)	El Shalalat, Alexandria, Egypt  (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cultural and economic exchanges between Japan and Australia	*Former Premier of Western Australia *Former Leader of the Liberal Party of Western Australia	Richard Fairfax Court (60)	Perth, Western Australia, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to energy security and promotion of the energy policies of Japan	*Executive Director of the International Energy Agency *Chair, Governing Board of the International Energy Agency	Claude Mandil (66)	Le Chesnay, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of parliamentary exchange between Japan and Viet Nam	*Former Chairman, Viet Nam-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League *Former Parliament member	Tran Dinh Hoan (68)	Hanoi, Viet Nam  (Viet Nam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese art and promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and the United States of America	*Former Director, San Francisco Asian Art Museum	Emily Joy Sano (66) (F)	San Francisco, California, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States of America	*Boyd Professor, Louisiana State University *Former President, International Academy of Pathology *President, Japanese Garden Society of New Orleans	Jack Perry Strong (80)	Metairie, Louisiana, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendship between Japan and the United States of America	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Nashville	Edward Gage Nelson (76)	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendship between Japan and the United States	*Former Chairman, Japan America Society of Southern California *Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Sunkist Growers, Inc. *Former Chairman, U.S. Agricultural Cooperative	Russell Lowell Hanlin (75)	Pasadena, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting intellectual exchange between Japan and the United States of America, and to guiding and nurturing young Japanologists	*Edwin O. Reischauer Professor of Japanese Politics, Harvard University *Director, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University *Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University	Susan J. Pharr (64) (F)	Massachusetts, Cambridge, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of economic exchange between Japan and Italy, and enhancing mutual understanding	*Former President UBS in Japan *Former Chairman of Italian Chamber of Commerce in Japan	Vittorio Volpi (69)	Milan, Lombardia, Italy  (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting scientific exchange between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Honorary President, Oxford Instruments plc	Martin Wood (81)	Abingdon, Oxfordshire U.K.  (U.K.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japan's position in the international community through economic cooperation and other activities	*Former Chairman, Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations Limited	Peter Fremantle Berry (63)	London, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the understanding of Japanese literature and culture	*Former Professor and Head of the Japan Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University	Royall Tyler (71)	Braidwood, NSW, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendship between Japan and the Republic of Colombia	* Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Santiago de Cali	Rodrigo Lince Tenorio (69)	City of Santiago de Cali, Department of Valle del Cauca, Colombia  (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction and promotion of Japanese Arts	*Professor Emeritus of the University of Zaragoza	Federico Torralba Soriano (94)	Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain  (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of performing arts in Japan	*Dancer, Choreographer *Artistic Director of Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch	Pina Bausch (67) (F)	Wuppertal, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese education, Japanese research and progress in the understanding of Japan	*Founding chairman of Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University *Founding chairman of Turkish-Japanese Universities Alumni Association	Ahmet Mete Tuncoku (62)	Eceabat, Canakkale, Turkey  (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to mutual understanding between Japan and France	*President of the Press Association Japan and France *Former editor of "Le Monde" *Columnist, "Les Echos"	Paul Fabra (80)	Paris, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the progress of nuclear energy policy of Japan	*Nuclear Energy Director of CEA *Former Senior Executive Vice President of COGEMA	Phillippe Pradel (51)	Saint. Claud, France  (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic relations between Japan and Malaysia	*Vice-President of the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA) *Former Adviser to Bank Negara Malaysia *Chairman of Paramount Corporation Bhd	Md Taib bin Abdul Hamid (69)	Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia  (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to development and spread of canoeing in Japan as president of the Asian Canoe Confederation and rendered many services to international competitions held in Japan	*Founding President of Taiwan Canoe Confederation. *Vice President of Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee *President of Asia Canoe Confederation *Director of International Canoe Confederation *Honorary President of Asia Canoe Confederation	Wu Wen-Ta (78)	Taipei, Taiwan  ( )
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of social welfare for Japanese nationals overseas	*Vice President, American Hospital of Paris	John Fort Crawford (70)	Paris, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education and understanding of Japan	*Former Professor, College of Education, University of Hawaii	Esther Masako Tateishi Sato (92) (F)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of international business management education and understanding of Japan	*Former President, Japan-America Institute of Management Science (JAIMS) *Former Associate Dean, College of Business Administration, University of Hawaii	Glenn Katsuichi Miyataki (65)	Kailua, Hawaii, U. S. A.  (U. S. A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the study and diffusion of Japanese Fine Arts, and to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	*Founder, President of the Far Eastern Art Study Center *Former President of the International Society to Save Kyoto *Former Foreign Docent of Italian Literature and Language at Kyoto University	Giovanni Peternolli (67)	Bologna, Emilia Romagna, Italy  (Italy)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to Japan by activities in social welfare fields	*Former Ecclesiastical Counselor of the Embassy of Japan to the Holy See	Gabriel Boudreault (86)	Rome, Italy (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the progress of tax accountancy in Japan and friendship between Japan and Germany	*Former President of DATEV eG *Former member of the Board of Federal Chamber of Tax Accountants in Bonn *Former President of Chamber of Tax Accountants in Nuernberg *Former President of German-Japanese Society in North Bavaria	Heinz Sebiger (85)	Nuernberg, Bavaria, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Portugal	*Former Curator of the National Museum of Ancient Art *Former Vice-President of the Portugal-Japan Friendship Association	Maria Helena Caleia Serra Mendes Pinto (84) (F)	Lisbon, Portugal (Portugal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to progress in the understanding of Japanese literature and the promotion of Japanese education	*Translator	Tatiana Sokolova-Delusina Lvovna (62) (F)	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japan in Ethiopia	*President, Dashen Fujiyama Society	Berhanu Yoseph Woldemichael (66)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese traditional culture	*President of the International Jodo Federation *Former President of the European Jodo Federation *Former President of Swiss Jodo Association	Pascal Krieger (63)	Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to artistic exchange between Japan and Spain	*Sculptor *Former Vice-President of the Spanish Painters and Sculptors' Association	Santiago de Santiago Hernandez (82)	Madrid, Spain (Spain)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of economic exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Sri Lanka	*Former President of Asia Cultural Association (ABKD-AOTS Alumni Association) *Founder President of Japan Sri Lanka Technical and Cultural Association (JASTECA)	Ian Dias Abeysinghe (67)	Ratmalana, Sri Lanka  (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language learning and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Vice-Chairwoman, Khabarovsk Regional Public Organization "Union of Friendship Societies with Foreign Countries"	Fomina Nina Lutfalievna (62) (F)	Khabarovsk City, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Local employee of the Consulate General of Japan at Kolkata	Naren Chowdhury (59)	Kolkata City, West Bengal, India  (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Egypt	Nadia Youssef Ghali (60) (F)	Cairo, Egypt  (Egypt)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the efficiency of the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Sweden	Anita Viola Sjögren (67) (F)	Saltsjö-boo, Sweden  (Sweden)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the efficiency of the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Korea	Choi Sook Ja (78) (F)	Seoul, Korea  (Korea)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Portugal	Yolanda Maria Alves Pimenta de Moura Teixeira da Silva (73) (F)	Alges, Portugal  (Portugal)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Local employee of the Consulate General of Japan at Penang	Lim Guat Imm (58) (F)	State of Penang, Malaysia  (Malaysia)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in the Syrian Arab Republic	Sumaieh Alawad (60) (F)	Judaydeb Artouz, Damascus, Syria  (Syria)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of education in private school in Japan	*Former Vice-President of Sophia University *Former President of Seibo Junior College *Former Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Department of Philosophical Anthropology, Sophia University	Mataix Anselmo (80)	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  (Spain)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to correctional education in penal institutions	*Incumbent Volunteer Visitor in Kouchi Prison	Maher Thomas Francis (76)	Shimanto, Kouchi  (U.S.A.)