

Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY2008 (Individuals)

No.	NAME (omit titles from names)	MAJOR TITLES	SERVICES	ADDRESS
1	Hatsuro Aizawa	Board of Asian Art Museum	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	San Francisco,CA,U.S.A
2	Emiko Arimizu	President of Urasenke International Association in Argentina	Promotion of Japanese culture in Argentina	City of Buenos Aires, Argentina
3	Ang Soo Mui, Freddie	President, Chado Urasenke Tankokai Singapore Association	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Singapore	Singapore
4	Shigeo Inuma (Emiko Inuma)	President, Stage and Artistic Director, Harmonia Opera Company	Promotion of international cultural exchange through music	New York City, NY, U.S.A
5	Kazuo Ikegaya	Managing Director, IKE MARITIME CO., LTD.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hong Kong	Hong Kong (China)
6	George Iseri	President, Iseri Enterprises	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	Ontario, OR, U.S.A
7	Sachiyo Ito	President, Sachiyo Ito & Company	Promotion of Japanese culture in U.S.A	New York City, NY, U.S.A
8	Shinobu Itomi	PANEUROPEAN PICNIC '89 FOUNDATION, director	promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hungary	Budapest, Hungary
9	Kazuko Inoue	President and Artistic Director, Inoue Chamber Ensemble	Promotion of international cultural exchange through music	New York City, NY, U.S.A
10	Karatygina Margarita Ivanovna	Head of International Department (The State Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory)	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Russia through music	Moscow, Russia
11	Daizo Iwasaki	Vice Chairman, World BONSAI Friendship Federation	Promotion of Japanese culture in foreign countries	Niihama city, Ehime,Japan
12	Itaru Ueno	Manager of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Argentina	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina	City of Buenos Aires, Argentina
13	Masanao Umebayashi	Emeritus Professor of Mie University, Volunteer of Tree Planting	Promotion of International Cooperation in Thailand	Chiang Mai, Thailand
14	Setsuko Otake	Ex-member of the board of directors of Japan club of Guam	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Guam,U.S.A.	Tamuning Guam, U.S.A.
15	Sachihiko Omura	Director of Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology, The Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan	Promoting scholarly exchanges through archaeological studies in Turkey	Hino City ,Tokyo, Japan
16	Akira Kataoka	CEO A&TK,Inc	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	Troy City,MI, U.S.A
17	Toichiro Kigawa	Director of the Ochanomizu Law and Patent Office, Honorary Trustee of the Chuo University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Yokohama City, Kanagawa , Japan
18	Yasunari Kitaura	President of Cultural Association of Aiki-do in Spain, Master of Ametsuchi-Dojo	Promotion of Japanese culture in Spain	Madrid, Spain
19	Choon Mie Kim	Director, Institute of Japanese Translation, Center for Japanese Studies	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea	Seoul, Korea
20	Mary Gardner Gates	Director, Seattle Art Museum	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and U.S.A through art	Seattle,WA,U.S.A
21	Tsuyako Sogawa Coveny	Challenger TAFE, Part-time Instructor, Japanese Language Programme Coordinator	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Western Australia	Applecross,Australia
22	Syed Ijal Haider Zaidi	President of Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association, Islamabad	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	Islamabad, Pakistan
23	Otoshige Sakai	Noh Player, KANZE Noh School	Promotion of Japanese traditional culture in foreign countries	Shibuya ku, Tokyo, Japan
24	Hiroe Swen	Ceramic artist	Promotion of Japanese culture in Australia	Queanbeyan, Australia
25	Etsuro Sotou	Sculptor of Sagrada Familia Temple	promotion of cultural exchanges between Japan and Spain	Cambrils city, Spain
26	Kayoko Takagi	Permanent associate professor of Madrid Autonomous University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Madrid, Spain
27	Hisao Takahashi	Painter of fresco	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and France through art	Commune of Autun, France
28	Naoko Takaya	Teacher at Saskatoon Japanese Language School for Children	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
29	Taduo Chiba	Chief Director of the Bank-Mikkelsen Memorial Foundation (Principal of the Danish Japanese Culture Collage)	promotion of international cooperation in the field of social welfare	Bongense, Denmark
30	Kyoji Tsujita	Chief of Japanese language teaching, Department of East Asian Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Israel	Suita City, Osaka, Japan
31	Mariko Tsujita	Former lecturer, Department of East Asian Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Israel	Suita City, Osaka, Japan
32	Eiko Duke	Sado Urasenke Associate Professor	Promotion of Japanese culture in Sweden	Stockholm,Sweden
33	Mari Nakanishi	President of Care Team Japan	Supporting Japanese nationals in need of help in Switzerland	Zurich Switzerland
34	Tadayuki Noguchi	Painter	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Peru through art	Okawa City, Fukuoka, Japan
35	Sachiko Hattori	Executive Director of the Espace Hattori France-Japan Culture Center	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and France	Paris, France
36	Joanna Ekaterini Barczyk	President of European Ohara Teachers' Association	Promotion of Japanese culture in Greece	Athens, Greece
37	Kazuko Nigam	Head of the Department, Japanese School of Languages, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and India	Kolkata, India
38	Teruko Blair	Essayist	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Canberra, Australia
39	Lene Holländer	Director of Home Care Consult & Care Academy of Denmark	Contribution to the development of the field of care in Japan	Copen hagen K, Denmark
40	Angela Hondru	Professor of Japanese Literature and Civilization at Hyperion University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Romania	Bucharest, Romania
41	Kathleen W. Masalski	Director, Five College Center for East Asian Studies	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	Amherst, MA, U.S.A
42	Mitsuo Matsushita	Professor, Law School, Seikei University	Contribution to the development of the Dispute Settlement System of the World Trade Organization	Nishi-Tokyo City , Tokyo, Japan
43	Yoji J. Matsushima	Board member of the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	Portland, OR, U.S.A
44	Manisoith Keodara	Director General, Lao-Japan Human Resource Cooperation Center	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Lao PDR	Vientiane, Lao PDR
45	Toshio Mandai	Vice President of the Japan Club of Kuala Lumpur	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
46	Riichi Miyake	Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University	Promotion of international academic exchange	Meguro-ku Tokyo, Japan
47	Claudius Mueller	Director, Munich State Museum of Ethnology	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Germany	Munich, Germany
48	Shosaku Yasui	Governor, Japan Finance Corporation for Small and Medium Enterprise	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and foreign countries	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
49	Tsuyoshi Yasunaka	Former President, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
50	Tsvetkova Nina Yurievna	General Secretary of Russia-Japan Friendship Society	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Saint-Petersburg city, Russia Federation
51	Eiji Yoshida	Vice-President, Japanese Club in Sofia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Bulgaria	Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria
52	Keiko Robbins	Special Adviser of Ikebana International Okinawa Chapter	Promotion of Japanese culture in foreign countries	Ginowan city , Okinawa,Japan
53	Kazu Lesnikovska	Member of the Society for Macedonian-Japanese Friendship and Cooperation	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
54	Hafiz S.A. Rehman	Senior Vice President of Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association, Islamabad	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	Islamabad, Pakistan