

## 2008 Autumn 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 strengthening of 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 Vice President of the United States of America *Former United States Senator	Walter Frederick Mondale (80)	Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of economic exchange between Japan and Oman	*Minister of National Economy *Deputy Chairman of the Financial Affairs and Energy Resources Council	Ahmed bin Abdulnabi Macki (68)	Muscat, Oman  (Oman)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the supply of the energy to Japan and to strengthening the relations between Japan and Qatar	*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy and Industry *Chairman of the Qatar-Japan Friendship Association *Co-Chairman of the Japan-Qatar Joint Economic Committee	Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah (56)	Doha, Qatar  (Qatar)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Kyrgyz Republic	*Former State Secretary *President of Association "Kyrgyzstan-Japan"	Abdurazakov Ishenbai Abdurazakovich (71)	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  (Kyrgyz Republic)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the strengthening of economic relations between Japan and Switzerland	*Former Minister of Economic Affairs *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former President of the Swiss Confederation *Professor of Economics, University of Fribourg	Joseph Deiss (62)	Barbereche, Fribourg, Switzerland  (Switzerland)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the development of Japan-China relations and the intensification of bilateral economic ties	*Chairman of the State Planning Commission (Cabinet Minister) *Chairman of the State Commission for Restructuring the Economic Systems (Cabinet Minister) *Chairman of the China Enterprise Confederation *Chief delegate of China in the BOAO Forum for Asia	Chen Jinhua (79)	Beijing China  (China)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and the Lao PDR	*Minister of Public Health *President of the Lao-Japan Friendship Association	Ponmek Dalaloy (70)	Vientiane, Laos  (Laos)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Indonesia	*Former Minister of Education and Culture *Former Rector of Institute of Technology, Indonesia	Wardiman Djojonegoro (74)	Jakarta, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	*Former Chairman, Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce & Industry *Chairman (Saudi side), Saudi-Japanese Business Council	Abdul Rahman Ali Al Jeraisy (76)	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  (Saudi Arabia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of academic exchanges between Japan and Sweden	*Former President of Karolinska Institute *Former Chairman of Nobel Prize Committee *Former President of Nobel Assembly *Former Chief Scientific Advisor of the Swedish Government	Hans Wigzell (70)	Hägersten, Sweden  (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Japan	Najmul Saqib Khan (77)	Karachi, Pakistan  (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the development of friendship and the promotion of parliamentary exchange between Japan and France	*Current President of France-Japan Friendship League of the National Assembly *Current Member of the National Assembly	Didier Quentin (61)	Paris France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of economic relations between Japan and France	*Former President of Air Liquide *Former Chairman of the Club France-Japan	Alain Joly (70)	Paris, France  (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Mongolia	*Former Minister of State of Mongolia (Member of Mongolian Government) *Former First Deputy Chairman of Planning and Economic Committee	Tumuriin Namjim (72)	Ulan Bator, Mongolia  (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to academic exchange and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Rector of Moscow State University	Viktor Sadovnichy Antonovich (69)	Moscow, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Special Assistant for Japan, Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense *Director, Center for U.S.-Japan Studies and Cooperation, Institute for Public Policy Studies, Vanderbilt University	James Edward Auer (67)	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan	*Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University *Former Director, Institute for Japanese Studies, Ohio State University *Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Columbus	Bradley Moore Richardson (80)	Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the defense of Japan's position in international trials and to the promotion of academic exchange in the area of international law	*QC * Chichele Professor of Public International Law, Oxford *Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford	Alan Vaughan Lowe (56)	Oxford, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing economic and cultural relations between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Chairman, Wales Millennium Centre *Former Chairman, Welsh Development Agency	David Sydney Rowe-Beddoe (70)	Monmouthshire, Wales, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of academic exchanges between Japan and Canada, and the study of the Japanese language	*Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria *Emeritus Chair in Japan and Asia Pacific Relations, Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria	Joseph F. Kess (66)	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada  (Canada and U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese studies and friendly relations between Japan and Canada	*Professor Emeritus, Linguistics, University of British Columbia *Professor Emeritus, Intercultural Communication, Aichi Shukutoku University *Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada	Bernard Saint-Jacques (80)	North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese culture and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hong Kong	*President, The Japan Society of Hong Kong *Chairman and Managing Director, Chevalier Group of Companies	Chow Yei Ching (73)	Hong Kong SAR, China  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of economic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Canada	*Former President, Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan *Former Managing Director, Japan Operations in Asia, Council of Forest Industries Canada *President, The Canada-Japan Society of British Columbia	John Mark Powles (60)	West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Greece	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Thessaloniki *President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thessaloniki	Dimitrios Bakatselos (55)	Thessaloniki, Greece  (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic and cultural exchanges and to enhancing mutual understanding between Switzerland and Japan	*Former President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Japan *Former General-Counsel, Member of the Board of Directors of Ciba Specialty Chemicals K.K.	Philippe Neeser (61)	Geneva, Canton of Geneva, Switzerland  (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of economic relations, cultural exchanges and friendship between Japan and Spain	*Mayor of Madrid *Former governor of the State of Madrid	Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón Jiménez (49)	Madrid, Spain  (Spain)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the social welfare of Japanese residents in Thailand and the promotion of intellectual exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand	*Former Chairman of the Old Japan Students Association of Thailand *Former Chairman of the ASEAN Council for Japan Alumni *Former Chairman of the Asia Japan Alumni International *Former Director of the Rama 9th Hospital	Mongkol Tanjapatkul (66)	Bangkok, Thailand  (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of economic relations between Japan and Korea	*Former Chairman, Korea Federation of Companies in Japan *Former President and CEO, Hanwha Japan	Kim Jung (65)	Seoul, Korea  (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendship between Japan and Denmark	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Aarhus *Former Deputy Chairman of the Confederation of Danish Industries	Joergen Evald Handberg (71)	Aarhus, Denmark  (Denmark)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the presentation of Japanese art in Germany and friendship between Japan and Germany	*Director, National Museum of Asian Art (National Museums in Berlin)	Willibald Veit (63)	Berlin, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of academic and cultural exchanges and of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former Professor of the Institute for German Language and Literature II, Frankfurt University	Ralph-Rainer Wuthenow (80)	Muehlheim am Main, Hessen, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese theology and folklore and also Japanese studies in Europe	*Former Professor of the Practical School for Advanced Studies *Former Director of the French National Center for Scientific Research	Hartmut Rottermund (69)	Wurzburg, Germany  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of bilateral academic exchange	*Rector of Polish Japanese Institute of Information Technology	Jerzy Pawel Nowacki (60)	Warsaw, Poland  (Poland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhanced friendship between Japan and Macedonia	*President of the Society for Macedonian-Japanese Friendship and Cooperation *Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Skopje	Kosta Balabanov (79)	Skopje, Macedonia  (Macedonia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Judo	*President of New York State Judo *Former Organizer and President of the First Women's World Judo Championship	Rena Rusty Kanokogi (73) (F)	Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of musical exchange between Japan and the United States, and development of the musical culture of Japan	*General Music Director, Bayerische Staatsoper and Staatsorchester *Music Director, Montreal Symphony Orchestra *Music Director, Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	Kent George Nagano (56)	San Francisco, California U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of baseball in Japan	*Former Manager of Los Angeles Dodgers *Former Senior Vice President of Los Angeles Dodgers	Thomas Charles Lasorda (81)	Fullerton, California U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introduction of Japanese Arts and understanding of Japan	*Professor, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literature (Asian Art, Asian Art History), Ca' Foscari University in Venice *Director of the International Hokusai Research Centre	Gian Carlo Calza (68)	Milan, Lombardia, Italy  (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education and understanding of Japan	*Professor, Faculty of Political Science (Asian History, Asian Institutions), Sassari University	Paolo Puddinu (62)	Sassari, Sardegna, Italy  (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of musical culture and friendly relations between Japan and Estonia	*Chief conductor of the girls' choir "Ellerhein"	Tiiia-Ester Loitme (74) (F)	Tallinn, Estonia  (Estonia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education and cultural exchange	*Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana	Andrej Bekes (59)	Portoroz, Slovenia  (Slovenia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education and understanding of Japan	*Former Professor, Department of Japanese Language, Guangzhou Institute of Foreign Trade	Guo Cunzhi (86)	Haizhu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China  (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the improvement and development of soccer in Japan as well as to exchange between German and Japanese youth	*Former President of BV04 *Former President of Fortuna Duesseldorf	Karl-Heinz Meyer (64)	Dusseldorf, Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Kendo	*Vice-President, International Kendo Federation *President of European Kendo Federation	Alain Ducarme (63)	Brussels, Belgium  (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of economic exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Belgium	*Vice-President, Belgium-Japan Association and Chamber of Commerce *Former Vice-President, Spector Photo Groupe	Dominique le Hodey (62)	Brussels, Belgium  (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japan and the preservation of Japanese American history	*Former Vice President, Honda International Trading Corporation	Cedrick M. Shimo (89)	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the welfare of Japanese-Americans and strengthening the bonds of friendship between Japan and Hawaii	*Former Chairman, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii *Former Chairman, Kuakini Health System	T. Raymond Sekiya (74)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the advancement of the Japanese American community and friendship between Japan and the United States of America	*Former President, Japanese Coordinating Council of San Diego	Roy Muraoka (78)	Chula Vista, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese traditional arts	*Former President, Ikebana International Delhi Chapter *Director, Sogetsu School, New Delhi Chapter	Veena Dass (69) (F)	New Delhi, India  (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese culture and enhanced understanding of Japan	*Former President of the AOTS Alumni Society of Central India *Chairman of the Indo-Japanese Association, Pune	Rameshchandra Raghunath Divekar (69)	Pune, Maharashtra, India  (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the maintenance of the Japanese Cemetery	*The head of the board of civilian services of Tashkent city	Rasulov Hojiakbar Abdurahimovich (67)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan  (Uzbekistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to international education for Japanese children	*Honorary President of International Children's Bunko Association	Opal Lydia Dunn (79) (F)	London, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the support of Japanese agricultural trainees and the promotion of agricultural exchange between Japan and the Netherlands	*Former host family to Japanese agricultural trainees	Franciscus Veul (84)	Hoofddorp, The Netherlands  (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the welfare of the Japanese descendants	*Chairman, Japanese Colony in Cuba	Francisco Shinichi Miyasaka Machida (70)	Havana, Cuba  (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and promotion of Japanese medical technology	*Director, Digestive Center Doctors Con *President of the board of directors, Association of Culture and Friendship Costa Rica-Japan	Gil Reinaldo Con Wong (67)	San Jose, Costa Rica  (Costa Rica)



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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the dissemination of Japanese traditional culture	*Director of Alcobendas Bonsai Museum *Director of Luis Vallejo Gardening Studio	Luis Vallejo Garcia-Maurinõ (54)	City of San Sebastian de los Reyes, Madrid, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to exchanges of art and culture between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Ceramic artist	Chun Hanbong (75)	Mungyeong, Gyeongsangbukdo, Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language learning and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Former principal of the Pyoseon Commercial High School *Former chairman of the Jeju Provincial Board of Education	Hyun Hwa-Jin (79)	Jeju-si, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japan's economy and industry and also to understanding between Denmark and Japan	*Chairman of the Board of the Toyota-Fonden *Former President of Toyota-Denmark A/S	Otto Hee (79)	Gentofte, Denmark (Denmark)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the dissemination of the Japanese language and culture and to friendship between Japan and Germany	*Former President of the Lemgo German-Japanese Society	Wolfgang Ulrich (77)	Lemgo, Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the improvement of public welfare of the Japanese	*Present Honorary Member of the Board of Inochi-no-Denwa (telephone counseling) , Japan	Ruth Hetcamp (75) (F)	Duisburg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese-language education and friendly relations between Japan and Bangladesh	*Former President of Asia Bunka Kaikan Dosokai (ABKD)	Momtazuddin Bhuiyan (63)	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and France	*Current Chairman, The European (EU) Chamber of Commerce in Japan *Current Chairman, European Business Council in Japan *Former President, French Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Japan *Current President & Representative Director, Chanel K.K.	Richard Collasse (55)	Shinagawa, Tokyo  (France)
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 Ireland	Dorothy McCabe (60) (F)	County Kildare, Ireland  (Ireland)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment and peacekeeping operations	*Former local employee of the Consulate General of Japan at Jeddah *Former secretary to the Japanese Government Liaison Officer to Golan Heights International Peace Cooperation Corps	Majida Mesmar (60) (F)	Damascus, Syria  (Syria)
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 Republic of Korea	Song Soon Sup (76) (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 the Czech Republic	Hana Kotlarova (60) (F)	Zdiby, Praha-vychod, Czech Republic  (Czech Republic)
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 Bangladesh	Zubayer Pasha Choudhury (61)	Dhaka, Bangladesh  (Bangladesh)
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	Joao Luis da Silva Guerreiro Leitao (70)	Lisbon, Portugal  (Portugal)
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 Ethiopia	Senait Meshesha (60) (F)	Silver Spring, Maryland U.S.A.  (Ethiopia)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of private education in Japan	*Former Rector, Nanzan University	Riemer Robert Joseph (76)	Nagoya, Aichi (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of private education in Japan	*Professor of Faculty of International Studies, Meiji Gakuin University *Former Director of Institute for International Studies, Meiji Gakuin University	Mohammad Naghizadeh (66)	Yokohama, Kanagawa (Iran)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the understanding of Japanese literature and culture	*Professor of Fukui Prefectural University	Karel Fiala (61)	Fukui (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the social welfare of Japan	*President, Social Welfare Foundation Hakodate Caritas no Sono *Former Director, Special nursing home for the aged Asahigaoka no Ie *Former Chairperson, "Hakodate Yagaigeki no Kai "	Philippe Hubert Marie Gourraud (81)	Hakodate, Hokkaido (France)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contribution of many years of service as a child care provider	*Former child care provider at Aishin Airin House	Lee Jong Kuk (65)	Kobe, Hyogo (Korea)