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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion and development of the international joint research program as proposed by Japan	*Former Secretary-General of the International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSPO) *Former President of Rockefeller University *1981 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine	Torsten N Wiesel (85)	Stockholm, Sweden (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of bilateral economic relations and understanding of Japan in India	*Former Chairman and COO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited *Chairman of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India	Venkataraman Krishnamurthy (84)	New Delhi, India (India)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the strengthening of friendship between Japan and Guyana, and Japan and the CARICOM countries	*Special Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations *Former Ambassador to Japan *President of 48 th Session of the United Nations General Assembly	Samuel R. Insanally (73)	East Coast Demerara, Guyana (Guyana)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Kuwait in politic, diplomatic and environmental fields	*First Deputy Prime Minister *Chairman of the Supreme Council for the Environment	Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah (67)	Al-Shaab, Hawalli, Kuwait (Kuwait)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the development and promotion of economic and cultural exchange between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Chairman, Federation of Korean Industries *Chairman, Korea-Japan Economic Association *Chairman, Hyosung Corporation	Cho Suck Rai (73)	Seoul, Korea (Korea)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to mainstreaming Japan's development assistance policy through the United Nations	*Former Administrator, UNDP *Former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations *Former Minister for Economic Affairs and the Treasury	Kemal Derviş (60)	Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the strengthening of economic ties and friendly relations between Japan and Brunei Darussalam	*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Prince Mohamed Bolkiah (62)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of educational and cultural exchange between Japan and the United States	*Former Co-Chair, The United States-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange *Former President, Earlham College *Former President, Japan Society *Professor and Dean Emeritus, Yale University Divinity School	Richard J. Wood (72)	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic and cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States of America	*Former Governor of Kentucky *Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Lexington	Martha Layne Collins (72) (F)	Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to Japan's policy promotion and public awareness-raising concerning countermeasures against global warming	*Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change *Director-General, TERI (Tata Energy Research Institute), India *Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan	Rajendra Kumar Pachauri (69)	New Delhi, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and The Netherlands	*Chairman of the JPP (Japan Prize Winners Programme) *Former Minister of Education and Science *Former Vice President of the Netherlands Investment Bank	Aäron Pais (79)	Amsterdam, The Netherlands (The Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of intellectual exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Singapore	*Chairman of the National Heritage Board *Former Chairman of the National Arts Council *Chairman of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) *Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Tommy Koh Thong-Bee (71)	Singapore (Singapore)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of academic exchanges between Japan and Germany	*Former Rector of the University of Cologne	Peter Hanau (74)	Bergisch Gladbach, North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the development of parliamentary exchange and strengthening friendship between Japan and Germany	*Former President of the German-Japanese Parliamentary Group *Former Member of the German Bundestag	Horst Friedrich (59)	Bayreuth, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and France and the promotion of understanding towards Japan in the field of politics and research	*President, French Institute of International Relations *Former Professor, Polytechnic School *Member of the Academy of Moral Sciences and Politics of the Institute of France	Thierry de Montbrial (66)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and France and the promotion of understanding towards Japan in the field of research	*Former President of Sorbonne University *Professor of Sorbonne University *President of the French Geographical Society	Jean-Robert Pitte (60)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of cultural exchange and parliamentary exchange between Japan and Viet Nam	*Former Chairman of the Viet Nam-Japan Parliamentarians' Friendship League *Former Minister of Culture	Tran Van Phac (82)	Hanoi, Viet Nam (Viet Nam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and friendship between Japan and the Lao PDR	*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao PDR to Japan *President of the Lao-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association *Member of the National Assembly	Khamsing Sayakone (71)	Vientiane, Laos (Laos)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese social and cultural studies in the U.S., and intellectual exchange between Japan and the U.S.	*Professor of Anthropology, Yale University *Sumitomo Professor of Japanese Studies, Yale University	William Wright Kelly (63)	Woodbridge, Connecticut, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the social welfare and status of Japanese Americans	*Former Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *Former Deputy Director of Health for the Hawaii State Department of Health *Dean and Professor, School of Social Work, Columbia University	Jeanette C. Takamura (62) (F)	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Crisis & Risk Management of Japan	*Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University *Visiting Professor at Chiba Institute of Science	Anthony T. Tu (79)	Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese studies and the promotion of understanding of Japan in the United States of America	*Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Southern California (USC) *Former Director of the USC East Asian Studies Center *Former Director of the USC/UCLA Joint East Asian Studies Center	Gordon Mark Berger (67)	Santa Monica, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of understanding of Japan in Indonesia	*President Director of Kompas Daily Newspaper *President Commissioner of Kompas-Gramedia Group *Former Member of the House of People's Representatives	Jakob Oetama (77)	Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and strengthening of friendship between Japan and Switzerland	* Honorary General Consul of Japan in Zurich *Chairman and delegate of the board of Cosa Travel Ltd., Zurich	George Henry Mueller (58)	Zollikerberg, Canton of Zurich, Switzerland (Switzerland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the betterment of welfare and medical services for Japanese residents in Thailand and to the promotion of Global Health between developing countries and Japan	*Director of Bangkok Hospital *Former Director of ASEAN Institute for Health Development *Former Professor of School of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo	Som-arch Wongkhomthong (59)	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to exchange and promotion of mutual understanding in science and technology, economy and culture between Japan and Thailand	*Former Secretary-General of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) *Former Director of the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA)	Suvit Vibunlsresth (68)	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese literature and the promotion of Japanese language education	*Emeritus Professor of Korea University *Former President of the Center of Japanese Studies, Korea University *Former President of the Korean Institution of Japanology	Kim Choon-Mie (66) (F)	Seoul, Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of arms control, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and strengthening of friendship and understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former Mayor of Hanover *Former Vicepresident of Mayors for Peace	Herbert Schmalstieg (66)	Hanover, Federal State of Lower Saxony, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to international people-to-people exchanges in the field of mathematics and to promoting Japanese culture through Aikido	*Professor Emeritus, University of Mannheim *Former Vice President, University of Mannheim	Herbert Popp (73)	Weinheim, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japan's policy in the field of fisheries	*Head of Norwegian Delegation to the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) *Former Professor, Department of Physiology, University of Oslo	Lars Walløe (71)	Oslo, Norway (Norway)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	*President, Mohammad Ali Jinnah University *Ex-Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi	Abdul Wahab (69)	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion and strengthening of economic cooperation between Japan and Malaysia	*Former Chairman, Malayan Banking Berhad *Vice-President of the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA)	Mohamed Basir bin Ahmad (71)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of academic research of Japan and Japanese language education in the Russian Federation and to the promotion of cultural exchange and friendship between Japan and the Russian Federation	*Former Dean of Faculty of Asian and African Studies, Saint Petersburg State University	Mikhail Nikolaevich Bogolyubov (91)	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the revival of postwar Japanese professional baseball and Japan-U.S. goodwill through baseball	*Former New York Giants Far East Scout Administrator *Former Yomiuri Giants International Administrator	Tsuneo Harada (88)	Palm Desert, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of education for the study of Japan, the deepening of understanding between Japan and the United States and the development of the sporting world in Japan	*Former Vice Chairman and CEO of Nike Japan Cooperation *Chairman of the Center for Japanese Studies Advisory Board, Portland State University	Bruce M. Brenn (74)	Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the enhancement of relations between Japan and Oman, and the promotion of Japanese culture in Oman	*Secretary General of the Oman-Japan Friendship Association	Said bin Nasser bin Mansoor Al Khusaibi (62)	Muscat, Oman (Oman)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of economic relations through shipbuilding and the shipping industry over the years and promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Greece through the media industry	*Owner of Kyklades Maritime Corporation *Executive Chairman of Kathimerini S.A. (Publications-Mass Media)	Aristides Alafouzou (85)	Neo Faliro, Greece (Greece)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of economic relations through shipbuilding and the shipping industry and the promotion of cultural relations between Japan and Greece through his cultural foundation	*Founder of Tsakos Group *Founder of Maria Tsakos Foundation	Panagiotis Tsakos (73)	Paleo Faliro, Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japan's cooperation in Colombia and the academic exchange between Japan and Colombia	*Former Director of the Magdalena Media Development and Peace Corporation *Vice Chancellor of the Pontifical Xavierian University	Francisco Jose De Roux Rengifo (65)	Bogotá Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Thailand and to the development of Japanese language in Thailand	*Former President of Old Japan Students' Association (OJSAT) *Chairman of Old Japan Students Foundation	Chatchai Khumsap (70)	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of parliamentary and cultural partnerships, and mutual understanding, between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Former Secretary General of Korea-Japan Parliamentarians league *Former Secretary General of Korea-Japan Friendship Association	Bae Tae Soo (69)	Seoul, Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the support of Japanese companies and the strengthening of economic exchange between Japan and Germany	*Former Director, Office of Economic Development, City of Dusseldorf	Wolfgang Miethke (65)	Dusseldorf, Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of the friendship and the strengthening of economic relations between Japan and Brazil	*Former President of the Federation of Industries of the State of Amazonas *Vice-President of the Brazilian National Confederation of Industry	José Nasser (64)	Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the introduction of Japanese art and technology and promotion of understanding Japanese culture	*Director, Museum of Japanese Art and Technology	Bogna Barbara Dziechciaruk-Maj (52) (F)	Krakow, Poland (Poland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of cultural exchange between Japan and Russia by introducing and preserving Japanese fine arts	*Former Chief Curator of the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts	Beata Grigorievna Voronova (82) (F)	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the welfare of Japanese Americans	*Former President of the Japanese Community Pioneer Center	Hiroshi Yamaguchi (84)	Northridge, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the popularity of Japanese Food Culture through introducing Japanese cuisine	*Chairman, Hong Kong Japanese Restaurant Association *Chairman, Aji-no-Chinmi Co. (HK) Ltd. *Vice Chairman, The Japan Society of Hong Kong	Frankie P Wu (69)	Hong Kong SAR, China (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education in Georgia	*Former Acting Head, Japanese Department, Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa	Medea Pirveli (60) (F)	Tbilisi, Georgia (Georgia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and development of Ikebana in Switzerland	*Former President of Ikebana International Geneva Chapter	Elsbeth von Siebenthal (74) (F)	Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brunei Darussalam	*President of Brunei Association of Japan Alumni	Chin Yam Chin (76)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of interchange between Japan and Taiwan through the achievements of the Japanese engineer Hatta Yoichi	*Chairman of Chia-Nan Irrigation Association *Former Vice Chairman of Taiwan Joint Irrigation Association	Hsu Jin-Shi (72)	Tainan City, Taiwan

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the enhancement of economic relations between Japan and France	*President and Representative Director of LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton Japan K.K. *President and Representative Director of LVJ Group K.K. *Former President of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan	Emmanuel Pierre Frédéric Prat (61)	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japan-UK cultural exchange and to the development of Japan's football world	*Former Chairman and Representative Director of Rolex (Japan) Limited *Advisor to the Football Association of Japan	Christopher McDonald (77)	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of contemporary art in Japan	*Contemporary artist *Former Professor, Tama Art University	Lee Ufan (73)	Kamakura City, Kanagawa (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 United States of America	Tamara Jaffe Goldman (65) (F)	Washington, DC, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan in Kolkata	Dwijendra Nath Bakshi (77)	Kolkata, India (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment	*Local employee of the Embassy of Japan in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	María Placer Cardama (59) (F)	Chacao Municipality, Miranda State, Venezuela (Spain)
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 United States of America	Saleem Ul Hasnain (59)	Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. (Pakistan)
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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	José Felipe Pineda (60)	Caracas, Venezuela (Venezuela)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of education in private school and colleges in Japan	*Former Professor, Institute of Language Teaching, Waseda University	Fegan James Edward (70)	Setagaya-ku, Tokyo (U.K.)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Arabic language education in Japan	*Lecturer in Arabic Language and Culture, Foreign Service Training Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs *Part-time Lecturer, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies *Part-time Lecturer, Open Education Center, Waseda University *Lecturer, Asia Africa Language Institute	Mohamad Nouraldin Nakeshbandi (62)	Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo (Syria)