

2010 Spring Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Speaker of the House of Representatives *Former Member of the House of Representatives	J. Dennis Hastert (68)	Yorkville, Illinois, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of relationship between Japan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	*Minister of Economy and Planning *Co-chairman of the Saudi-Japan Joint Committee *Former Saudi Representative for the Japan Arab Dialogue Forum	Khalid bin Mohammed Al-Gosaibi (76)	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  (Saudi Arabia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion and development of economic relationship between Japan and Thailand	*Former Deputy Prime Minister *Former Secretary General, National Economic Social Development Board (NESDB) *Former Governor, Bank of Thailand	Snoh Unakul (78)	Bangkok, Thailand  (Thailand)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of relationship and the promotion of friendship between Japan and the Republic of Botswana	*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Education *Former Minister of Mineral Resources and Water Affairs	Gaositwe Keagakwa Tibe Chiepe (87) (F)	Gaborone, Botswana  (Botswana)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and friendship between Japan and the United States	*Former President of the University of Nebraska *Former Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development *Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Omaha	Ronald W. Roskens (77)	Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the development of the cooperation in science and technology between Japan and Italy, and the promotion of understanding of Japanese culture in Italy	*Mayor of Milan *Former Minister for Education, University and Research	Letizia Bricchetto Arnaboldi Moratti (60) (F)	Milan, Italy  (Italy)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the mutual understanding and expansion of human resources, cultural and religious exchanges between Japan and Iran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Japan</li> <li>*Former (and first) Chairman of The Iran-Japan Friendship Association in Tehran</li> <li>*Senior Advisor of The Iran-Japan Friendship Association in Tehran</li> <li>*Director, Department of Cultural and Islamic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran</li> </ul>	Abdolrahim Gavahi (66)	Tehran, Iran  (Iran)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of economic relations between Japan and Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Former Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs</li> <li>*Former Dean of Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia</li> <li>*Professor of Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia</li> </ul>	Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-jakti (70)	Tangerang, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of friendship between Japan and Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan</li> <li>*Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the European Communities</li> <li>*Member of the Advisory Board of the Association of Indonesian Alumni from Japan (PERSADA)</li> </ul>	Poedji Koentarso (78)	DKI Jakarta Province, South Jakarta City, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the reinforcement of the bilateral economic relations, and the development of the economic exchange between Japan and Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Former General Manager of the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia</li> <li>*Minister of National Defense</li> <li>*Former President of the Wise Man Group Japan-Colombia (Colombian side)</li> <li>*Former Chair of the Keidanren's Japan-Colombia Economic Committee (Colombian side)</li> </ul>	Gabriel Silva Luján (52)	Bogotá, Colombia  (Colombia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the development of Japan-European Union relations and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the European Union	*Former Chairman, Delegation for Relations with Japan, European Parliament *Former Member of the European Parliament	Georg Jarzembowski (63)	Hamburg, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Brazil and the restoration and preservation of medical facilities founded by the Japanese society	*Former Minister of Health *Former Superintendent of the Hospital of Santa Cruz administrated by the Brazil-Japan Charity Society of Santa Cruz *Former President of the Federation of Nikkei Associations of Santa Catarina	Seigo Tsuzuki (77)	Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil  (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement and development of parliamentary exchange between Japan and France	*Former President of the France-Japan Friendship League of the Senate *Vice-President of the Senate	Roland du Luart (70)	Paris, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of economic ties between Japan and the European Union	*Former Co-chairman of the Japan-EU Business Round Table (BRT) *Former Chairman of the Board, UCB Group *Chairman of the Board of Delhaize Group	Georges Jacobs (69)	Brussels, Belgium  (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed the promotion of exchange and the enhancement of friendship between Japan and Belgium	*Former CEO of Agfa-Gevaert N.V. *Honorary General Consul of Japan in the Flemish region *Former Chairman of the Belgian Federation of Chemical Industries *Former Board Member of the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB)	René Peeters (76)	Mortsel, Province of Antwerp, Belgium  (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the mutual understanding between Japan and the United Arab Emirates as well as the commercial relationship between Japan and Abu Dhabi	*Representative of the United Arab Emirates-Japan Society (Abu Dhabi side) *Speaker of the Abu Dhabi National Consultative Council	Abdulla bin Muhammad Al Masaood (64)	Abu Dhabi, Emirates of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.  (U.A.E.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of friendship, co-operation and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	*Former (and first) president of the National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies *Former President of the Australia-Japan Society, Queensland	David Graham Russell (59)	Western Downs, Queensland, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese literature and culture in Switzerland and Europe	*Professor Emeritus of Japanology, University of Zurich *Former President of the Swiss Asia Society	Eduard Klopfenstein (71)	Canton of Zurich, Switzerland  (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of parliamentary and cultural partnership, and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Former Chief Director and Vice President of the Korea-Japan Parliamentarians' Union *Former Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Yang Jeong Gyu (77)	Seoul, Republic of Korea  (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese-language education in the Czech Republic and friendly relations between Japan and Czech Republic	*Professor of the Department of Japanese Studies, Charles University *Former President of the Czech-Japanese Association	Zdenka Svarcova (68) (F)	Praha, Czech Republic  (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of economic relations and the enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and Hungary	*President, Hungary-Japan Economic Club *Former Board Member and Former Acting CEO, Herend Porcelain Manufactory *Former Commercial Councillor, Embassy of Hungary in Japan	Kiss Sándor (67)	Budapest, Hungary  (Hungary)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the Japanese livestock industry promotion in the field of thoroughbred breeding, and the development of Japanese horse racing across the World	*Chairman, International Federation of Horseracing Authorities(IFHA) *Former President, France Racing and Breeding Committee	Louis Romanet (62)	Saint-Arnoult, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Vietnam and the promotion of parliamentary exchange between Japan and Vietnam	*Former Member of the Vietnam-Japan Parliamentarians' Friendship League *President of the Vietnam Dance Artists Association	Chu Thuy Quynh (68) (F)	Hanoi, Vietnam  (Vietnam)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of exchange activities between Japan and Malaysia	*Former Director General of Youth Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports *Representative of Malaysia, OISCA International Board of Directors *Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Youth Centre Foundation	Mohd. Soffian Abdul Rahim (77)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese studies and the promotion of intellectual exchange between Japan and Malaysia	*Former Professor, National University of Malaysia *Former Professor, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya *Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya	Lee Poh Ping (68)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of bilateral relationship between Japan and Mauritania	*Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Nouakchott *Deputy Chairman of MAOA Business Group in Mauritania	Mohamed Abdallahi Ould Sidi Moktar (50)	Nouakchott, Mauritania  (Mauritania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and the enhancement of friendship between Japan and Monaco	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Monaco *President of the Monaco-Japan Association	Edmond Pastor (72)	Monaco  (Monaco)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and academic exchange among Japan, Lebanon and the Middle East	*Professor, Faculty of Human Science - History Department Lebanese University	Massoud Daher (65)	Beirut, Lebanon  (Lebanon)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese language education in Taiwan and the promotion of academic exchanges between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Professor, Taiwan University *Chairman of the Japanese Studies Association in Taiwan	Ho Sui-Teng (79)	Taipei City, Taiwan

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development and enrichment of music culture in Japan as well as to the promotion of cordial relations between Japan and the United States	*Member of The Ventures	Don Wilson (77)	Sammamish, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development and enrichment of music culture in Japan as well as to the promotion of cordial relations between Japan and the United States	*Member of The Ventures	Nokie Edwards (74)	Scottsdale, Arizona, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development and enrichment of music culture in Japan as well as to the promotion of cordial relations between Japan and the United States	*Member of The Ventures	Bob Spalding (63)	Spicewood, Texas, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and mutual understanding in economy and culture between Japan and the United States	*Former President of the Japan America Society of Chicago	Clyde Dickey (77)	Bonita Springs, Florida, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development and enrichment of music culture in Japan as well as to the promotion of cordial relations between Japan and the United States	*Member of The Ventures	Leon Taylor (54)	South Jordan, Utah, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and the United States	*President, Japan-America Society of Maine	David Fulenwider (65)	Buckfield, Maine, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development and enrichment of music culture in Japan as well as to the promotion of cordial relations between Japan and the United States	*Member of The Ventures	Gerry McGee (72)	Granada Hills, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the introduction and development of Japanese art in the United States	*Deputy Director, The Freer Gallery of Art	James Thomas Ulak (63)	Washington, D.C., U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to consolidation of the relationship between Japan and Germany with support to Japanese companies	*Former Director General for Foreigner Office , City Duesseldorf	Bernhard Hoffmann (67)	Mettmann, Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the enrichment of Japanese education in the U.S., and the improvement of welfare of Japanese Americans	*Former Chairman, Board of Representatives, Kyodo System Japanese Language School *President, Seinan Senior Citizens Club	Paul Kunio Shiba (80)	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese culture and understanding of Japan in the United States	*Co-founder, The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation	Masako Martha Suzuki (88) (F)	San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese culture and understanding of Japan in the United States	*Co-founder, The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation	Tomoye Takahashi (94) (F)	San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of sister-city relations, focusing on John Manjiro	*Chairman, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society	Gerald P. Rooney (73)	Acushnet, Massachusetts, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and promotion of Japanese culture in India and other countries	*Former President, Ikebana International Bombay Chapter	Leela Raj Kumar (74) (F)	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and promotion of the way of tea as well as to the promotion of the friendship between Japan and Indonesia	*President of Chado Urasenke Tankokai Indonesia Association	Saur Maruli Pohan (76)	DKI Jakarta Province, West Jakarta City, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the dissemination of Karate and the promotion of understanding of Japan in the U.K.	*President of the National Karate Federation Scotland *Director for Shotokan at the World Karate Confederation	Ronald Stewart Watt (63)	Aberdeen, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and development of Ikebana in Canada	*President, Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Toronoto *Founding Member, Ikebana International Toronto Chapter	Shizuko Kadoguchi (89) (F)	Toronto, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the social welfare of the Japanese Canadian community through the establishment and management of the Japanese Canadian Health Care Society	*President, the Nikkei Seniors Health Care & Housing Society	Robert Koji Nimi (78)	North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of exchanges between Japan and Germany and to the development of Japanese culture through the activities of the Siebold Society and the Siebold Museum	*Chief Director and Secretary-General, Siebold Society	Wolfgang Klein Langner (70)	Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Germany	*Former President of the Freundeskreis der Partnerstaedte Ome - Boppard e.V.	Heinrich Conrad (66)	Boppard, Rheinland-Pfalz Germany  (Germany)



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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of soroban(abacus) education in Tonga	*Former Secretary, The Tonga Soroban Education Association	Una Topou (63) (F)	Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga  (Kingdom of Tonga)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of traditional Japanese culture in South Africa	*Former President of Ikebana International Pretoria Chapter	Danielle Crafford (81) (F)	Gauteng Province Pretoria, South Africa  (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese language education and understanding of Japanese culture in Latvia	*Headmaster, the Japanese language and Culture Studio "GENGO" *Former lecturer, Japanese language course, the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Latvia	Brigita Baiba Krumina (66) (F)	Riga, Latvia  (Latvia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japanese language education in Russia and to the promotion of cultural exchange and friendship between Japan and Russia	*Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Russia-Japan Friendship Society, Former Vice Principal of Saint-Petersburg School No. 83	Kalinina Valentina Aleksandrovna (60) (F)	Saint-Petersburg, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of cultural exchange between Phoenix, Arizona and Himeji City, Hyogo Prefecture	*Former Chairperson of the Himeji City Committee of Phoenix	Masako Takiguchi (78) (F)	Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A  (U.S.A)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former President of the Friends of Kagoshima Association in Santa Rosa	Fern Harger (89) (F)	Santa Rosa, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	* Museum Superintendent,Taiwanese Aborigine Chen Ehan	Chen Ehan (87)	Pingtung County, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion and development of cultural and personal exchanges between Japan and Ethiopia	*Ceramic Artist *President, NPO-Ethiopian Future Children	Tesfaye Gelaye (63)	Kasama City, Ibaraki Prefecture  (Ethiopia)

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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 Peru	Humberto Uehara (74)	Lima, Peru  (Peru)
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 Belgium *Former local employee of the Mission of Japan to the European Union	Paule Gobbens-Booterdael (65) (F)	Ganshoren, Belgium  (Belgium)
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 Poland	Hanna Zamyka (60) (F)	Warsaw, Poland  (Poland)
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 Spain	Manuel Rodriguez Gonzalez (65)	Madrid City, Spain  (Spain)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of job training in Japan	*President, Kyoei Suido, Inc.	Yoo Chang Keun (75)	Kyoto City, Kyoto Prefecture  (Republic of Korea)