

Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2012 (Individuals)

	NAME(omit titles from names)	MAJOR TITLES	SERVICES	ADDRESS
1	Eric J. GANGLOFF	Former Executive Director of the United States-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Aquasco, MD, U.S.A.
2	AHN Choong Yong	Foreign Investment Ombudsman, KOTRA	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Republic of Korea	Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea
3	OBUCHI Mitsuo (HANAYAGI Shunto)	Master of Nihon Buyo Hanayagi Style.	Promotion of Japanese Classical Dance in Republic of Korea	Kita-ku, Tokyo, Japan
4	CHO Il-Sang	Director, Busan Museum of Art	Promotion of cultural exchange through art between Japan and Republic of Korea	Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
5	Deleg TUMURBAATAR	President of Mongolia-Japan Culture and Literature Center	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
6	KOBAYASHI Izumi	Professor, Osaka Gakuin University Director, Japan Institute for Pacific Studies	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Pacific island region	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan
7	KAYO Kyoshin	Chief Instructor, Shobukan, Western Australia Karate Federation	Promotion of Karate in Australia	Melville, Western Australia, Australia
8	TOBA Mika	KATAZOME Artist	Promotion of cultural exchange through "Katazome" art between Japan and Viet Nam	Kiyosu-shi, Aichi Japan
9	SHINODA Takashi (MIWA Takashi)	Coordinator, Sakura Project	Promotion of international cooperation in Thailand	T. Rimkok, A. Muang, Chiang Rai, Thailand
10	FUJIMOTO Atsuo FUJIMOTO Haruko	A&H FUJIMOTO FOUNDATION Managing Director A&H FUJIMOTO FOUNDATION Executive Director	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand	T. Silla, Muang Khon Kaen, Thailand
11	SOEDA Masatoshi	Language Teacher, School of Languages, Literacies and Translation, Universiti Sains Malaysia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia	Persiaran Bayan Indah, Penang, Malaysia
12	Allen OKAMOTO	Co-Chair, Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	San Francisco, CA, U.S.A.
13	KUBOTA Shoji	Former Chairman, North America Immigrants' Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Alameda, CA, U.S.A.
14	MUNAKATA Toshinori	Professor Emeritus, Computer and Information Science Department, Cleveland State University	Promotion of Information Science and advancement of academic exchange between Japan and the U.S.A.	Brecksville, OH, U.S.A.
15	Raymond S UNO	President, Japanese Community Preservation Committee, Salt Lake City	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Salt Lake, UT, U.S.A.

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16	Richard K. CLARK	Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP Senior Partner(Attorney at Law)	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Denver, CO, U.S.A.
17	Kerry Steven HADA	Judge, Denver County Court	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Denver, CO, U.S.A.
18	IGARASHI Seiko	Retired	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Memphis, TN, U.S.A.
19	OZAWA Yuichi	President, Friends of the Japanese House & Garden	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Moorestown, NJ, U.S.A.
20	KIKUCHI Yuriko	Faculty, Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance	Promotion of cultural exchange through dance between Japan and the U.S.A.	New York, NY, U.S.A.
21	Joseph A HAFNER Jr.	Retired CEO and President of Riviana Foods, Inc.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Houston, TX, U.S.A.
22	Atsuko Toko FISH	Founder, Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Brookline, MA, U.S.A.
23	Ikuko BURNS	Vice President, Massachusetts-Hokkaido Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and U.S.A	Brookline, MA, U.S.A.
24	HONDA Shigeko	Director, Japan Center, University of West Florida	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Gulf Breeze, FL, U.S.A.
25	Grace Tomiko FURUYA	Honorary Member, Ottawa Centennial Chapter No.120, Ikebana International	Promotion of Japanese Culture in Canada	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
26	MAEKAWA Takeo	President, Japanese Social Services	Supporting Japanese nationals in need of help in Canada	Aurora, Ontario, Canada
27	YAGI Yoshio	Vice Chair, Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	North Vancouver, B.C., Canada
28	INOUE Mitsuo	Former Principal, Montreal Hoshuko School Inc.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada
29	SUGIYAMA Saburo	Professor, Department of International Studies, Graduate School of International Studies, Aichi Prefectural University	Promotion of academic exchange through Archaeology between Japan and Mexico	Nagakute-shi, Aichi, Japan
30	SUZUKI Midori	Painter	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Mexico D.F., Mexico

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31	HASHIMOTO Koji	Counselor of Mexico-Japanese Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Mexico D.F., Mexico
32	Virgilio Ignacio TEDIN URIBURU	Advisor of the president of the Central Bank of Argentina	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina	Buenos Aires, Argentina
33	JOUN Young Soun (YAMADA Kumoe)	Sister, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	Asunción, Paraguay
34	MATSUO Osamu	The Association for Celebration of the Centennial of Japanese Immigration to Brazil - President of Executive Committee	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	São Paulo - SP - Brazil
35	Ignacio Tadayoshi MORIGUCHI	Deliberative Councilor of the Beneficent Association for Japan and Brazil in Sao Paulo	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	São Paulo - SP - Brazil
36	YOSHIOKA Reimei	The President of the Dom Jose Gaspar Social Work Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	São Paulo - SP - Brazil
37	OKAJIMA Hiroshi	President, Okajima Agricultural Negotiation Company	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Castanhal Pará, Brazil
38	TSUTSUMI Gota	Secretary General, Pan Amazonia Association for Japan and Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Belém Pará, Brazil
39	FUJIMAKI Nagamitsu	The President of NIBRA Commerce and Representation of Agricultural Machines and Material Ltd.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Nova Friburgo-RJ, Brazil
40	Carlos Alberto AQUINO Rodríguez	Professor, Faculty of Economic Sciences, San Marcos National University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Peru	Lima, Peru
41	Teodoro TSUJA	Adviser of the Peru Japan Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Peru	Lima, Peru
42	IKEMOTO Kazuto	President of Hagi Branch The Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy	Promotion of public awareness regarding foreign policy	Hagi-shi, Yamaguchi, Japan
43	TANI Kikuro	Shinto Tsushin Co., Ltd. ,Chairman & Representative	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Nagoya-shi, Aichi, Japan
44	Heikki VALLASTE	Estonia-Japan Association, President	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Estonia	Tallinn, Estonia
45	TORIMOTO Norio	Sr. Origami Master, Nippon Origami Association	Promotion of cultural exchange through "ORIGAMI" between Japan and foreign countries	Sollentuna Kommun, Stockholm Län, Sweden

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46	OTA Hiroaki	Psychiatrist	Supporting Japanese nationals in need of help in France	Paris, France
47	Reiko KRUK	Special Effects Make-up Artist	Promotion of cultural exchange through art between Japan and foreign countries	Paris, France
48	Christian TISSIER	"Cercle Tissier", Shihan	Promotion of Aikido in France	Vincennes, France
49	Hans-Michael KIEFMANN	former Principal of the Humboldt -School, Kiel	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Altenholz, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
50	SEKI Morito	Attorney at Law, Seki Morito Law Firm	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Frankfurt am Main, Hessen, Germany
51	Georgi Stefanov STOEV	President, The Bulgarian AOTS Alumni Society	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Bulgaria	Sofia, Bulgaria
52	Robert SZOBER	President, Wielkopolski Branch of the Polish-Japanese Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	Poznan, Poland
53	Edward Makary MANIURA	Mayor, City of Lubliniec	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	Lubliniec, Poland
54	SABLINA Eleonora Borisovna	Adviser, Junior Chamber International Japan, JAPAN-RUSSIA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
55	Valery Ivanovich SHADRIN	Chekhov International Theatre Festival General Director	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Moscow, Russia
56	SHNYRKO, Aleksandr Alekseevich	Professor, Head of Japanese Department, School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Vladivostok, Primorsky region, Russia
57	MORGUN Zoya Fyodorovna	Associate professor, Japanese Department, School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Vladivostok, Primorsky region, Russia
58	SOKOLOV, Alexander Rostislavovich	Director of the Russian State Historical Archives	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	St.Petersburg, Russia
59	BORDOVSKY, Gennady Alekseevich	President of Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	St.Petersburg, Russia
60	IVANCHENKO, Sergei Nikolaevich	President, Pacific National University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Khabarovsk, Russia,

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61	Abbas KIAROSTAMI	Movie Director	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Iran	Tehran, Iran
62	TSUBOI Tatsushi	JICA Expert (Senior Technical Advisor on Rice Cultivation)	Promotion of international cooperation in the field of technical cooperation	Kampala, Uganda