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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Australia	*Former Prime Minister	Robert James Lee Hawke (81)	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  (Australia)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of the Japanese Canadian community and to further fostering the development of friendly relationship between Japan and Canada	*Former Prime Minister	The Right Honourable Martin Brian Mulroney (72)	Montreal, Quebec, Canada  (Canada)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the promotion of personnel exchange and further development of relations between Japan and People's Republic of China	*Former Committee Chairperson (Chinese Side) of New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century *Former Executive Vice President of the Party School of the CPC Central Committee *Former Executive Deputy Head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee	Zheng Bijian (79)	Beijing, China  (China)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Peru	*Former President of the Peruvian Congress *Former Member of the Peruvian Congress *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Justice	Luis Javier Gonzáles Posada Eyzaguirre (66)	Lima, Lima, Peru  (Peru)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relations between Japan and Botswana by promoting technical cooperation in natural resources and energy	*Minister of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources *Former Minister of Finance and Development Planning *Former Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration	Ponatshego Honorius Kefhaeng Kedikilwe (73)	Gaborone, Botswana  (Botswana)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former US Chair, CULCON (The United States-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange) *Ford International Professor of Political Science, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) *Director of the Center for International Studies, MIT *Founding Director of MIT Japan Program, MIT	Richard J. Samuels (60)	Lexington, Massachusetts, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and India	*Chairman of Maruti Suzuki India Limited *Chairman of the Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi *Former Managing Director and CEO of Maruti Udyog Limited	Ravindra Chandra Bhargava (77)	Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India  (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to leading Japanese studies and the development of Japanese language education in Estonia	*Professor of the Tallinn University *President of the European Association for Japanese Studies *Former Rector of the Tallinn University *Former Rector of the Estonian Institute of Humanities	Rein Raud (49)	Tallinn, Estonia  (Estonia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	*Former Chairman of the Conference of the Presidents of the Spanish Universities *Former President, Salamanca University	Ignacio Berdugo Gómez de la Torre (60)	Salamanca, Spain  (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Tunisia	*Former Ambassador to Japan *Former President of the Association for Tunisian-Japanese friendship	Noureddine Mejdoub (76)	Sidi Bou Said, Tunis, Tunisia  (Tunisia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese studies, and the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the United States	*Former Director, Institute for the Study of Asian Cultures at Pepperdine University *Professor Emeritus, Pepperdine University *Former President, Chado Urasenke Tankokai Los Angeles Association	Glenn Taylor Webb (75)	Palm Desert, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the education of Japanese dermatologists and the development / internationalization of dermatological research in Japan	*Former Chief, Dermatology Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health *Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	Stephen Ira Katz (70)	Maryland, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Chairman of the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) *Former Professor of the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) *Former Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ)	William R. Farrell (67)	Middletown, Rhode Island, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese language studies and the promotion of Japan studies and Japanese culture	*Former President, West Los Angeles College *Former President, Mission College *Former President, Sacramento City College	Masakazu Jack Fujimoto (83)	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the betterment of Japanese Americans Community and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Chairman of the East-West Center Board of Governors *Former Member of the Hawaii State Senate *Chairman of Mauna Lani Resort, Inc.	Kenneth Francis Brown (92)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting relations between Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran and establishing cooperative relations in energy efficiency and new energy resources.	*Former Lecturer at Water and Electricity University *Former President of Monbukagakusho Alumni Center *Advisor to New Energies Education and Research Organization affiliated to the Ministry of Energy	Abdolrazzagh Kaabi-nejadian (64)	Tehran, Tehran, Iran  (Iran)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Ecuador	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Guayaquil *Vice President of Industrial Group Simon	Jaime Roberto Simon Isaias (63)	Guayaquil, Ecuador  (Ecuador)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the business advancement of Japanese companies, the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Canada and to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Chair of the Japan Society *Legal Counsel of the Consulate-General of Japan, Toronto, Canada *Former Counsel of McMillan (Law Firm)	John William Craig (69)	Toronto, Ontario, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese products such as automobiles in Greece and Europe, and to the enhancement of friendly relationship between Japan and Greece	*Chief Executive Officer of Theocarakis Group *Former Member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Japanese Chamber of Commerce *President of the B&M Theocarakis Foundation for the Fine Arts and Music	Basil Theocharakis (81)	Filothei, Greece  (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines	*President of the Philippines-Japan Society, Inc.	Francis C. Laurel (64)	Muntinlupa City, Philippines  (Philippines)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the enhancement of Japan's prestige abroad and the promotion of understanding towards Japan	*Former Director Council and Executive Committee Secretariat, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Roger Charles Harmel (63)	Kitzbuhel, Austria  (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing bilateral economic relations between Japan and the Republic of South Africa	*Former Chairperson of the National Federated Chamber of Commerce *Former Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce *Former Senator of the Republic of South Africa *Former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia	Sam Motsuenyane (84)	Tshwane, Gauteng, South Africa  (South Africa)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting interregional and economic exchanges, and the enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and Russian Federation	*Present Chairman of Legislative Assembly of Primorsky Territory *Former Member of the Supreme Soviet of Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic *Former President of Far Eastern State University	Gorchakov Viktor Vasilievich (70)	Vladivostok, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting art and cultural exchange, and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Former Minister of Culture, Russian Federation *Artistic Leader of the State Academic Maly Theatre *Professor of the Higher Theatre School named after M. S. Schepkin under the State Academic Maly Theatre	Solomin Yury Mefodieovich (76)	Moscow, Moscow, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion and the development of the Japanese ballet society	*Former Prima Ballerina of the State Academic Bolshoi Theatre of Russia *Former Artistic Director of the National Dance Company of Spain	Plisetskaya Maya Mikhailovna (85) (F)	Moscow, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening partnership between Japan and the budgetary department of the United Nations	*Former Deputy Controller of the United Nations	Jayantilal M Karia (60)	New York, U.S.A.  (Uganda)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and the UK through music activities with musicians from both countries	*Chairman of the UK-Japan Music Society *Music Director of the UK-Japan Choir	Jonathan Thorpe Gregory (60)	Leicestershire, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of sports exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada through Judo	*Former President of Judo Canada *Vice President of the Richmond Sister City Committee *Former President of the International Judo Federation Referee Commission	Yuzuru Kojima (73)	Richmond, British Columbia, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Guatemala	*Composer *Conductor	Jorge Alvaro Sarmientos De Leon (80)	Santiago, Sacatepequez, Guatemala  (Guatemala)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese traditional culture in Europe through Noh	*Stage Manager and Producer *Former Professor of the Conservatoire de Musique de Genève	Armen Godel (70)	Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland  (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of elderly care in Japan and the enhancement of relationship between Japan and Sweden	*Medical Doctor *Former Chief physician at Motala Hospital *Former Director of Silviahemmet *Former Advisor to the Swedish Government *Former Medical Advisor to Östergötland County Council	Barbro Beck Friis (80) (F)	Borensberg, Sweden  (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural, friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Senegal	*Former Professor in National Arts School *President of the Doudou Ndiaye Rose Percussion Orchestra	Doudou NDIAYE Rose (81)	Dakar, Senegal  (Senegal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the enhancement of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand through Japanese cultural events and the promotion of Japanese language education	*Former President of Old Japan Students' Association, Thailand (OJSAT)	Somphon Kongvattanakul (70)	Bangkok, Thailand  (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of the technical cooperation of Japan in Chile and the stabilization of food supply to Japan	*Former Regional Director of National Fishery Service in the 11th Region in Chile *Former CEO of Aquachile	Pablo Enrique Aguilera Marín (66)	Puerto Varas, Chile  (Chile)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the enhancement of friendly relations between Japan and Germany, and to the promotion of traditional Japanese culture through Kyudo in Germany	*Former President of the German Kyudo Federation (Founder) *President of Alster Dojo e.V.	Ferdinand Hoff (66)	Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and to the enhancement of economic relations between Japan and Belgium	*Chairman of the Editorial Committee of Belgium-Japan Association & Chamber of Commerce	Edward De Beukelaer (61)	Aartselaar, Belgium  (Belgium)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia through film production	*Film Director *Former Member of the Russian President's Committee on Culture and Arts	Sokurov Alexander Nikolayevich (60)	Saint-Petersburg, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and the United States, and to the advancement of Japanese companies in the United States	*Former Board of Director, Japan Chamber of Commerce of Northern California *Former Commissioner, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco	Hatsuro Aizawa (87)	San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion and dissemination of Judo in the United States and the enhancement of friendly relationship between Japan and the United States	*Former Chairman of the 50th State Judo Association *Director of the United States Judo Federation	Albert Masaji Aoki (78)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to preserving and promoting history and culture of Japanese Americans Community, and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Legislative Strategic Chair of Legislative Education Committee (LEC), Japanese Americans Citizens League (JACL) *Former Founding Editor and Co-author of Almanac of American Politics	Grant Ujifusa (69)	Chappaqua, New York, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to social and welfare betterment of Japanese citizens residing Northern California and to the promotion of understanding Japan	*Director (Founder), Japanese American Museum of San Jose *Program Director, San Jose-Okayama Sister City Organization	Jimi Yamaichi (89)	San Jose, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japanese Studies and the promotion of understanding of Japan in the U.K.	*Former CEO of Global Oriental	Paul Henri Norbury (71)	Folkestone, Kent, U.K.  (U.K.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of understanding towards Japan and Japan's prestige abroad	*Director of Parana's Association of ex-Scholarship Students Brazil-Japan *President of the Parana's Branch Office of the Brazilian Association of Journalists and Tourism *Publisher of "Weekly Newsletter of Diplomacy and Tourism" (Newsletter Semanal Diplomacia & Turismo) * Editor of Diplomacy-column of the "Journal of Industry and Commerce" (Jornal Industria & Comercio)	Antonio Claret de Rezende (71)	Curitiba, Parana, Brazil  (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	*President of the Association France Japan of Cannes	Jean=Claude BAUMIER (73)	Vallauris, Alpes-Maritimes, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	*President of Provence Japan Association	Helene BONJEAN (74) (F)	Le Thor, Vaucluse, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the Republic of Bulgaria	*Former Correspondent of BTA(Bulgarian Telegraph Agency) to Tokyo *Journalist of Bulgarian National Television	Daniela Danailova Kaneva (73) (F)	Sofia, Bulgaria  (Bulgaria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Director, Khabarovsk Regional Public Organization "Union of Friendship Societies with Foreign Countries" *President, Suzuran Club of Japanese Culture	Roitman, Zoya Pavlovna (64) (F)	Khabarovsk, Russia  (Russia)
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 Indonesia	Danny Budiman Widjaja (60)	Jakarta, Indonesia  (Indonesia)
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 Tunisia	Youssef Sliti (61)	North Ariana, Ariana, Tunisia  (Tunisia)



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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 Consulate-General of Japan at Porto Alegre *Former local employee of the Consular Office of Japan at Porto Alegre	Miriam Kaipper Ceratti (65) (F)	Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil  (Brazil)
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 China	MA DEWEN (60)	Beijing, China  (China)
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 Russia	Shichenko Anatoly Nikolaevich (61)	Moscow, Moscow, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to English language and literature education in Japan and to the dissemination of Japanese culture abroad	*Professor of Emeritus, Tokyo Woman's Christian University *Former Professor, Tokyo Woman's Christian University *Former President, The Asiatic Society of Japan	Clare Lee Colegrove (80)	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo Japan  (U.S.A.)