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The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening and developing the relationship between Japan and Algeria	*Former President of Constitutional Council *Former Minister of Justice *Former Ambassador of Algeria to Japan (the first) *Chairman of Algeria Japan Association	Abdelmalek Benhabyles (91)	Bouzareah, Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	*Former President of the Council of the Ministers of the Italian Republic *Former President of the European Commission	Romano Prodi (73)	Bologna, Emilia Romagna, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cultural and economic relations between Japan and Ukraine	*Rector of National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” *Former Minister of Education and Science	Mykhailo Zakharovych Zgurovsky (62)	Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting closer economic ties and deeper mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former President of the Japan Society *Former Chief Executive of the Japan 2001 *Former Governor of the Royal Academy of Music *Chairman of the Barbican Centre Trust	Christopher Thomas Bremner Purvis (61)	London, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Vietnam	*Former Minister for Planning and Investment	Vo Hong Phuc (67)	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese liquid rocket technology and to enhancing fluids engineering research cooperation between Japan and the United States	*Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, California Institute of Technology *Former Professor of Mechanical Engineering, California Institute of Technology *Fellow of American Society for Mechanical Engineers	Allan James Acosta (88)	Seal Beach, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to Japan Studies in the United States and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*William H. Bonsall Professor of Japanese History, Emeritus, Stanford University *Former Professor of Department of History, Stanford University	Peter Duus (78)	Stanford, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting educational and academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Professor Emeritus of Amherst College *Former Professor of Amherst College	Ray A. Moore (78)	Amherst, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting of Japanese classic literature and Japanese language studies in Ukraine	*Professor of Institute of Philology, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv *Former Associate Professor, Visiting Professor of Faculty of International Studies, Tenri University	Ivan Petrovych Bondarenko (57)	Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese studies and mutual understanding in Ukraine through geographical studies	*Professor of Faculty of Geography, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv	Borys Pavlovych Yatsenko (70)	Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting relationship in the field of botany and horticulture between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew *Former President of the Linnean Society of London *Former President of International Association for Plant Taxonomy	Ghillean Tolmie Prance (75)	Dorset, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting personnel exchanges and enhancing friendship between Japan and Sri Lanka	*President of Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement	Ahangamage Tudor Ariyaratne (80)	Moratuwa, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural and financial exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Norway	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Bergen	Jacob Irgens (75)	Bergen, Norway (Norway)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and the enhancement of friendship between Japan and Bangladesh	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Chittagong	Muhammad Nurul Islam (69)	Chittagong, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of scientific exchange between Japan and France	*Former Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Asia and Pacific Network, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) *Founder and Former Representative of Bureau in Japan, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) *Emeritus Fellow of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)	Jean-François Sabouret (66)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing bilateral economic relations between Japan and France and to develop Japanese ophthalmic lens technology	*Former Chairman of Essilor International *Former Member of the Executive Council of MEDEF *Board Member of Essilor International, L'Oréal and Schneider Electric	Xavier Fontanet (64)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange in the field of disaster prevention between Japan and Peru	*Professor Emeritus of the National University of Engineering (UNI), Faculty of Civil Engineering *Former Professor of the National University of Engineering (UNI), Faculty of Civil Engineering *First Director of Japan-Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation (CISMID) *Former Director of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE)	Julio Kuroiwa Horiuchi (76)	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Peru through medical activities, and to enhancing the status and well-being of Japanese-Peruvian community	*Professor Emeritus of the National University of San Marcos *Former Chief of the Academic Department of Pathology of the Faculty of Medicine of the National University of San Marcos *Former President of the Medical Staff, Peruvian Japanese Polyclinic	Juan Takano Morón (83)	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese studies and mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	*Head of the Department of East Asian Linguistics, University of Warsaw *Head of the Department of Japanology, Jagiellonian University	Romuald Huszcza (62)	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the evacuation, protection and assistance to Japanese nationals in Lebanon	*Former Head of Intelligence Bureau, General Directorate of General Security	Joumana Daniel Tabet (58) (F)	Beirut, Lebanon (Lebanon)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing bilateral economic relations and promotion of exchanges between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Chairman of Taiwan Japan Association for Business Communication *Executive Committee Member of Taiwan Committee on East Asia Businessmen's Conference *Director of Taiwan-Japanese Economic and Trade Foundation *Former Chairman & CEO of Tai Lung Capital Inc.	Huang Cheng-Wang (82)	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to development of relations between Japan and Taiwan in the field such as academic exchanges	*Adjunct Professor, Department of History, National Taiwan University *Adjunct Research Fellow, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica	Tsao Yung-Ho (92)	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of Japanese American studies and promoted the understanding toward Japanese Americans in the United States and Nikkei in the Americas	*Former CEO and the President of the Japanese American National Museum *Current Visiting Scholar at Asian American Studies Center at University of California Los Angeles	Akemi Kikumura Yano (68) (F)	Sherman Oaks, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans, strengthening of economic relations between Japan and the United States, and the promotion of Japanese culture in the United States	*Former National President of the Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL) *Former California State Assemblyman *Former Mayor of the City of Pleasanton, CA	Shiro Floyd Mori (73)	Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	*Former Director of the Italian Institute of Culture in Tokyo *Former Director General of the Italian Association of Friendship with Japan *Director General of the Italy-Japan Foundation	Umberto Donati (69)	Forte dei Marmi, Toscana, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese language and culture in Ukraine	*Associate Professor of Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lviv Polytechnic National University	Myron Semenovych Fedoryshyn (67)	Lviv, Lviv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges in the areas of Science and Technology between the UK and Japan	*Former Director, Parliament Office of Science and Technology (POST) of the UK Houses of Parliament *Visiting Professor, Doshisha University	David Cope (66)	Chilwell, Nottinghamshire, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Czech Republic by introducing Japanese Literature and the traditional crafts	*Translator *Researcher of Japanese literature and culture	Vlasta Winkelhoferova (80) (F)	Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	*Composer *Former President of Mongolian Association of Composers *Former Vice Minister for Cultural Affairs of Mongolia *Former member of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia	Natsag Jantsannorov (64)	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and advancing Japanese language studies in Lithuania	*Former Head of the Centre for Japanese Studies, Vytautas Magnus University (The First Head of the Centre)	Arvydas Alisauskas (70)	Kaunas, Lithuania (Lithuania)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japanese Americans community, the advancement of the social status of Japanese American women and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hawaii	*Former Board Member of East-West Center Foundation *Former Board Member of Bishop Museum *Board Member of Noel Foundation *Chair of Yushinkai	Jean Miya Ariyoshi (79) (F)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of the understanding of the anti-nuclear position and the advancement of the welfare of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the United States	*Former Special Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons *President of American Society of Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-Bomb Survivors	Kazuye Suyeishi (85) (F)	Torrance, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Iran and mutual understanding between Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran through the martial arts	*Former Representative of Iran Kendo-Iaido (Samurai) Association *Head of Iran Kendo-Iaido Association	Soleiman Mehdizadeh (57)	Tehran, Iran (Iran)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to developing a network and nurturing human resources, which are essential to Japanese diplomacy towards Russia	*Former Principal Lecturer of the Russian Language Wing, the Defence School of Languages	Roy Edward Hurst (74)	Langley, Berkshire, U.K. (U.K)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing of Japanese culture in Costa Rica and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Costa Rica	*Director of the Program “TELECLUB”, transmitted by Channel 13 of the National Broadcasting Television of Costa Rica	Inés Sánchez de Revuelta (81) (F)	Escazú, San José, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting economic relations and friendly ties between Japan and New Zealand	*Former Councillor of Christchurch City Council *Former Chairman of Christchurch Kurashiki Sister City Committee	Edwin Newton Dodge (73)	Christchurch, New Zealand (New Zealand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the well-being of the Japanese in Peru, and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Peru, understanding of Japan	*Former President of Peruvian Association of Japan’s Ministry of Education Scholarship Students (APEBEMO) *Medical Doctor	Juan José Bonilla Palacios (55)	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese traditional culture and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan through Tanka Poem	*Former President, Taiwan Kadan	Zheng Langyao (88)	Tainan, Taiwan
Lacquered wood Cups with the Chrysanthemum Crest	Contributed to the promotion of a better understanding and advancing the social status of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii	*Former President of BDK Sudatta Hawaii *Former President of Hawaii Association of International Buddhists *Former Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii	Yoshiaki Fujitani (89)	Honolulu, Hawaii, 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 Embassy of Japan in Italy	Maria Teresa Arborio Mella Di Sant' Elia (65) (F)	Roma, Lazio, Italy (Italy)
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	Noortje Lestari (56) (F)	Depok, West Java, 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 Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations	Carmen Carreon Hadiatmodjo (60) (F)	New York, New York, U.S.A. (Philippines)
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 Belem	Maria Celeste Rodrigues Pereira (70) (F)	Belem, Para, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japan Interchange Association overseas office	*Former local employee of the Japan Interchange Association, Taipei office	Lin Shu-Ying (65) (F)	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan at Belem	Antonio Juracy Aires Pereira (65)	Belem, Para, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the correctional Education in Kanagawa Medical Juvenile Training School and Yokohama Prison	*Former Voluntary Visitor at Kanagawa Medical Juvenile Training School *Chaplain at Yokohama Prison	Burke Alfred Michael (82)	Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan (U.S.A.)