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The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening and developing the economic relation between Japan and India	*Chairman of Tata Group *Member of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India *Chairman of the Investment Commission, Government of India *Former Member of Japan-India Business Leaders Forum	Ratan Naval Tata (74)	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  (India)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former Prime Minister *Former Leader of Conservative Party	John Major (69)	London, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relationship and promoting political, economic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Singapore	*Former Deputy Prime Minister *Former Minister for Foreign Affairs	Shunmugam Jayakumar (72)	Singapore  (Singapore)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to enhancing international contribution of Japan in the field of agriculture and food security	*Former Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Jacques Diouf (73)	Dakar, Senegal  (Senegal)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting relations between Japan and Vietnam	*Former Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Deputy Prime Minister *Former Minister of Science, Technology and Environment	Pham Gia Khiem (67)	Hanoi, Vietnam  (Vietnam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Governor of Tennessee *Former US Secretary of Education *US Senator	Lamar Alexander (71)	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and expanding economic exchanges between Japan and the United States	*Former Governor of Massachusetts	Michael Stanley Dukakis (78)	Brookline, Massachusetts, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	*Former Indonesian Ambassador to Japan	Sayidiman Suryohadiprojo (84)	Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting further friendly relations between Japan and Côte d'Ivoire	*Former Ivorian Ambassador to Japan	Koffi Patrice Anoh (67)	Abidjan, Région de Lagune, Côte d'Ivoire (Côte d'Ivoire)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and People's Republic of China	*Former President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries * Former Deputy Minister of Radio, Film, and Television * Former Vice Mayor of Beijing Municipal People's Government	Chen Haosu (69)	Beijing, China (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing bilateral economic relations between Japan and France	*Honorary Chairman of Compagnie de Saint-Gobain *Senior Advisor of Lazard and Chairman of Lazard Asia Investment Bank *Former Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Industrial Innovation Agency *Member of Advisory Council of the Japan Cultural Institute in Paris	Jean-Louis Beffa (70)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cooperative relations in science technology and mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	*President of the Polish Academy of Sciences *Former Minister of Science and Information Technology	Michal Kleiber (66)	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing bilateral economic relations and promotion of exchanges between Japan and Taiwan	*Chairman & CEO of Chinatrust Financial Holding Co., Ltd. *Former Chairman of Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce, Taiwan *Former Chairman of Taiwan Committee on East Asia Businessmen's Conference *Chairman of Taiwan Japan Association for Business Communication	Gu Lian-Song (78)	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to development of Japanese economy and strengthening ties between Japan and Taiwan through shipbuilding industry, maritime industry and airline industry	*Chairman of Evergreen Group *Former Chairman of Evergreen Marine Corporation *Former Chairman of EVA Airways Corporation	Chang Yung-Fa (84)	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to mutual understanding and strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States	*Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East and the Pacific Asia *Former Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of the United States in Tokyo	L. Desaix Anderson (76)	New York, New York, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening Japan-U.S. Security Arrangement and Japan-U.S. Friendship	*Former United States Secretary to the Joint Committee	George Teitel (62)	Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese law studies and the enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Washington *Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School *Professor of Law Emeritus, School of Law, Washington University in St. Louis	John Owen Haley (70)	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of nursing science and the education of nursing professionals in Japan	*Former Professor of School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco *Dean of Rutgers University College of Nursing, The State University of New Jersey *Distinguished Visiting Professor of St. Luke's College of Nursing, Tokyo, Japan	William Lewis Holzemer (67)	San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of economic relations and friendship between Japan and Australia	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Hobart	Peter C. Shelley (67)	Margate, Tasmania, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Regina	Arthur Tsuneo Wakabayashi (79)	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada  (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic collaboration and personnel exchange in the area of Astrophysics between Japan and Germany	*Former Director of the Max-Planck-Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics *Former President of the German Physical Society *Professor Emeritus of the Max-Planck-Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics	Joachim Ernst Trümper (78)	Garching, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese Studies such as Haikai and Japanese Literature and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former Professor of Linguistics, Cultural and Civilisation Studies at Goethe University Frankfurt	Ekkehard May (74)	Gelnhausen, Hessen, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to Japan Studies in the Philippines and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines	*Professor, School of Social Sciences, Ateneo de Manila University	Lydia N. Yu Jose (68) (F)	Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines  (Philippines)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the promotion of exchanges between local governments and of bilateral educational, academic and economic exchanges between Japan and France	*Former Member of the National Assembly *Member of the Senate *Mayor of Lyon	Gérard Collomb (64)	Lyon, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Mexico by promoting signing of an economic partnership agreement	*Former Chairman of the Mexico-Japan Business Committee within COMCE (Mexican Council for Foreign Trade) *Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Monterrey, Mexico *Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Cydsa Corporation	Tomás Roberto González Sada (68)	San Pedro Garza García, Nuevo Leon, Mexico  (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Luxembourg through cultural and personnel exchanges	*President of the association for cultural promotion “Japan-Luxembourg ‘95” *Former Director-General of the Publications Office, European Commission	Lucien Emringer (76)	Bofferdange, Luxembourg  (Luxembourg)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange, and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Director, State Russian Museum	Gusev Vladimir Aleksandrovich (67)	Saint-Petersburg, Russia  (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States, the promotion of Japanese culture, and the enhancement of the welfare of Japanese and Japanese Americans	*Former Washington State Representative *Former JAACL Seattle Chapter President and Board Member	Kip Yoshino Tokuda (65)	Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of agriculture in Japan, the development of Japanese young people, and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Director, Japan Agricultural Training Program, Big Bend Community College	Michael Ellis Lang (66)	Moses Lake, Washington, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the advancement of Japanese cultural studies in the field of Japanese philosophy and religions, and to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	*Professor of the Department of Asian and North African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice	Massimo Raveri (63)	Venice, Veneto, Italy  (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and the United Kingdom, and to the development of football in Japan	*Former England International Footballer *Director, Manchester United Football Club	Robert Charlton (74)	Knutsford, Cheshire, U.K.  (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and business relations between Japan and Finland	*Former Assistant Vice President of Finnair *Chairman of Finland-Nihon Bunka Tomono Kai	Ronny Rönqvist (68)	Espoo, Finland  (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Poland and mutual understanding between Japan and Poland through Traditional Karate	*Chairman of the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland *Vice-President of the International Traditional Karate Federation	Włodzimierz Kwiecinski (56)	Lodz, Poland  (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Chairwoman of Sino Ryukyuan Cultural & Economic Association *Chairwoman of Sino Ryukyuan Women Association	Cai Xueni (76) (F)	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former President of United Japanese Society of Hawaii *Former President of Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association Hawaii	Robert Toshio Nakasone (74)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japanese American society and the enhancement of friendship between Japan and the United States	*President of Mikawaya *Chairperson of Little Tokyo Business Association	Frances Kazuko Hashimoto (68) (F)	Pasadena, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and promoting Japanese traditional culture	*President of Milano Bonsai Club *Former President of Italian Bonsai Amateurs' Association	Luigi Crespi (73)	Parabiago, Lombardy, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese traditional culture in India	*President, Ohana Concept	Hena Rahimtulla (75) (F)	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting education for Japanese children in the Thai-Japanese Association School (Japanese School in Bangkok) and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand	*Former Thai teacher, Thai-Japanese Association School (Japanese School in Bangkok) *Director and Manager, Thai-Japanese Association School (Japanese School in Bangkok)	Phasuk Prakasukarn (67) (F)	Baangjak, Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the promotion and development of personnel exchange in tourism and to the enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and Republic of Korea	*Former Chairman of Busan Tourism Association *Former Vice-President of Korea-Japan Friendship Association Busan	Ko Kwang Chul (79)	Busan, Busan Metropolitan City, Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improvement of Japan's presence in the Republic of South Africa and bilateral friendship	*Director of St. Francis Care Centre	Stan Brennan (82)	Gauteng, South Africa (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of the Chinese foods culture, association and industry in Japan	*Former Chairman of the Japan Association of Chinese Cuisine *Director and honorary Chinese Executive Chef of Hotel Okura Tokyo Co., Ltd.	Liang Shu Neng (71)	Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan (China)

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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 Indonesia	Farida Wahyu (58) (F)	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 Pakistan	Doreen Foster (61) (F)	Rawalpindi City, Punjab Province, Pakistan  (Pakistan)
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 Embassy of Japan in the Republic of China *Former local employee of the Japan Interchange Association, Taipei office	PU Wu-hsiung (68)	Taipei City, Taiwan
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 Ghana	Joseph K. Hoky (62)	Maamobi, Accra, Ghana  (Ghana)