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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the strengthening of relations between Japan and Spain in the various fields.	*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Science and Technology *Former Minister of Industry and Energy *President of Spain-Japan Council Foundation *Chairman of “Círculo de Economía”	Josep Piqué i Camps (59)	Madrid, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and the strengthening of economic relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Governor of the State of Illinois *Chairman of The Midwest U.S.-Japan Association	James R. Thompson (77)	Chicago, Illinois U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Iran	*Former Iranian Ambassador to Japan *President of Iran-Japan Friendship Association	Seyed Mohammad-Hossein Adeli (61)	Tehran, Iran (Iran)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchange between Japan and the United Kingdom and supporting Japanese business.	*Member of Parliament for Birmingham, Hall Green *Chair, British-Japanese Parliamentary Group	Roger Duncan Godsiff (67)	London The United Kingdom (U.K)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Ethiopia	*Former Ethiopian Ambassador to Japan *Former Special Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Ethiopia * Current President of Japan Ethiopia Alumni Society (JEAS)	Mahdi Ahmed Ali (63)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden	*Former President of Karolinska Institutet *Professor of Physiology, Karolinska Institutet	Harriet Wallberg (57)	Lidingö Stockholm Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendship and strengthening of the relationship through economic research and studies between Japan and France	*Former Minister for the Economy, Finances and Industry *Former Secretary of State in charge of the Budget *Former Deputy mayor of Paris in charge of the job, economic development and international attractiveness *Former President of Paris Development	Christian Sautter (74)	Paris, Ile de France France (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting parliamentary relations and academic cooperation between Japan and Poland	*Senator *Chairman of the Polish-Japanese friendship association of the Senate *Rector, University of Warmia and Mazury	Ryszard Jozef Gorecki (63)	Olsztyn, Warminsko-mazurskie, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japan studies in the United States and the enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Director of Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies *Director and Professor of Japan Studies at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced Studies *Former Special Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Japan *Former Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies	Kent Eyring Calder (66)	Washington D.C. U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges in medical fields between Japan and the United States and to the protection of the health care of Japanese Citizens in the United States	*Former President of Beth Israel Medical Center *President Emeritus of Continuum Health Partners *Professor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1994-2013	Robert G. Newman, (76)	New York, New York U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges, and mutual understanding between Japan and Algeria	*Former rector, University of Science and Technology of Oran *Former rector, University of Oran Es-Senia	Hacene Lazreg (92)	Oran, Oran Algeria, (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to deepening and developing the Japanese Studies and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom.	*Saji Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics *Former President of British Association for Japanese Studies	Janet Hunter (65)	London United Kingdom (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchange in the field of science and technology between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former Professor of Applied Population Biology, Imperial College London *The Senior Advisor to the Oxford Martin School and Professor of Natural Resources Management, University of Oxford *Former Government Chief Scientific Advisor and Head of the Government Office for Science	John Beddington (68)	London United Kingdom (U.K.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the strengthening of the economic relations and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the kingdom of the Netherlands	*Former Chairman of the Dutch & Japanese Trade Federation *Executive Director of the Sakura Color Products Corporation *Chairman of the Foundation of the Netherlands Help Japan	Johannes Gesinus Bax (72)	Laren, Netherlands (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Georgia	*President of the Georgia-Japan Relations Association *Former associate professor, Georgian Technical University	Karlo Kveladze (81)	Tbilisi Georgia (Georgia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Croatia and facilitating academic exchange in fields of nuclear fusion	*Former member of Croatian Parliament *Former Chairman of the Croatian-Japanese Friendship Group, Committee for Interparliamentary Cooperation, Croatian Parliament *Researcher at Ruder Boskovic Institute *Vice President of the Croatia-Japan Economic Cultural Friendship Association	Tonci Tadic (52)	Zagreb, Croatia (Croatia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting nuclear safety in Japan and mutual understanding between Japan and international society	*Director-General, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency *Former Commissioner of the Spanish Nuclear Safety Council	Luis Echavarri (65)	Madrid, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and to enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand	*President of Thai Nichi Institute of Technology *Former Vice President of Technology Promotion Association(Thailand-Japan)	Krisada Visavateeranon (64)	Pakkret, Nontaburi, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing vocal music world in Japan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany through music	*Former Professor, Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts	Rainer Hoffmann (74)	Neu-Isenburg Hessen Germany (Germany)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and friendly relations in the field of dentistry between Japan and Turkey	*Professor of Faculty of Dentistry of Ankara University *Vice President of Turkish Japanese Foundation *Chairman of Turkish Japanese Universities Alumni Association	Nejat Bora Sayan (55)	Ankara Ankara Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Pakistan, and to Japan's economic and development assistance in the border region with Afghanistan.	*Honorary Consul General of Japan in Peshawar *Chief Executive, Learning Awareness & Motivation Programme (NGO)	Nawabzada Fazal Karim Afridi (58)	Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and São Paulo State in addition to supporting the Japanese language education.	*Former member of São Paulo State Assembly *Former President of Brazil-Japan Friendship Relations of Assembly Members' Association *Former President of Brazilian Japanese Language Schools' Alliance	Hatiro Shimomoto (78)	São Paulo São Paulo Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promote relations between member of the National assembly, friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Vietnam	*Former Deputy Minister of Science and Technology *Former Vice President and General Secretary of Vietnam-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association *Chairman of Vietnam-Japan Friendship Association	Nghiem Vu Khai (60)	Ha Noi Vietnam (Vietnam)
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 Honduras	*Honorary Consul of Japan in San Pedro Sula *Former Chairman of the Committee of Commerce in the Republic of Honduras *President of Integral Foundation	Karim Elias Wadie Qubain (51)	San Pedro Sula Cortes Republic of Honduras (Republic of Honduras)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic interchange through the field of fishery technologies between Japan and Taiwan	*Academician of Academia Sinica *Chair Professor of National Taiwan Ocean University *Former Adjunct Professor of Institute of Zoology, National Taiwan University *Former President of Asian Fisheries Society	Liao I Chiu (77)	Keelung, Taiwan -----

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contribution to the strengthening of the Security of Japan and the Japan-US alliance and to the promotion of the understanding of Japanese culture	*Former United States Army Colonel *Former Chief, Mutual Defense Assistance Office in Japan *Former Deputy Chief of Staff, G5 United States Army Japan / I Corps (Forward)	Craig John Agena (53)	Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and the U.S. through economic and technical cooperation.	*Director of the Board of Directors and CEO of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research *Former CEO of Hawaiian Host	Dennis Yoshito Teranishi (69)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting of developing Japanese studies and mutual understanding in Ukraine	*Associate Professor, Head of Department of Far Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Kyiv National Linguistic University	Volodymyr Leonidovich PYROHOV (64)	Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting regional and economic relations between Japan and City of Mississauga	*Mayor of Mississauga *Former President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Hazel McCallion (93)	Mississauga Ontario Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese language education in Thailand and promoting mutual understanding through introduction of Japanese literature.	*Interpreter for the Royal Family and Translator *Board member of Old Japan Student's Association and Board member of Japanese Government Scholarship Association *Former Director of Language School attached to Thailand-Japan Technology Promotion Association	Bhusdee Navavichit (65)	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Germany and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former Senior Researcher of the SWP (German Institute for International and Security Affairs) *Former Head of the Japan Office of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Markus Tidten (66)	Berlin, Germany (Germany)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding and strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	*Former President of Merck Japan Ltd. *Vice President of the German-Japanese Society Berlin *Vice President of the Association of German-Japanese Societies *Former Chairman of the European Business Council Committee for Chemical/Pharmacy Industries *Former Chairman of the German School Tokyo/Yokohama	Erhard Reiber (76)	Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to improving welfare and medical treatment for the Japanese-Brazilian community.	*Former President of the Beneficent Association for Japanese-Brazilian in Sao Paulo *Former vice-president of the Association for Celebration of the Centennial of Japanese Immigration to Brazil *Professor of the Maua Institute of Technology University	Ignácio Tadayoshi Moriguchi (79)	São Paulo São Paulo Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to propagating and developing Kendo in Taiwan, and to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Vice President, International Kendo Federation *Vice president, Shudokan	Wu Chin-Pu (90)	New Taipei City Taiwan -----
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the advancement of social status of Japanese Americans in Colorado and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former President of Japanese American Association of Colorado *President of Amache Club	James Hada (89)	Lakewood, Colorado U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and India	*President, Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai	Vinaya Mehrotra (86)	Mumbai Maharashtra India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Bonsai in Indonesia and to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	* General Chairman, Indonesia Bonsai Association * Former Chairman, JICA Alumni Association in Indonesi (Founder)	Saptodarsono (74)	South Jakarta, Jakarta Province, Indonesia (Indonesia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Chairman of the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province Korea-Japan Friendship Association *Chairman of Jeju-si International Exchange Conference	Kang Jae Eup (72)	Jeju, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange, friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	*President of the German-Japanese Society Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Rostock	Johannes Maximilian Kunze (67)	Rostock, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting youth exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	*Former Head of Department for International youth policy cooperation, IJAB-International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany	Niels Meggers (65)	Köln North Rhine-Westphalia Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese-Peruvian community, and to promoting technological exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Peru	*Former President of the Peru Japan Association *Former President of the Fishing Technology Institute of Peru *Adviser of the Peru Japan Association	Victor Nishio Nisio (65)	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Belgium	*President of Japan-Belgium Friendship Association of Wives	Nicole Hönen (66)	Bruxelles, Belgium (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of South Africa	*Director of Orlando Children's Home	Solani Mirriam Mazibuko (65)	Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the development of Japanese translation and to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*General director of company "Itsumo" *Board member of the Russia-Japan Friendship Society	Gertsev Alexandr Victorovich (67)	Saint-Petersburg Russia (Russia)

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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	*President, Taiwan Kadan	Tsai Kun-Tsan (87)	Taipei City Taiwan -----
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to presenting Japanese Art in the Federal Republic of Germany and other foreign countries and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Expert on Japanese Art	Klaus Friedrich Naumann (78)	Tokyo, Japan (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of people with physical disabilities in Japan	*Chairperson of the Board of Directors Hyogo Society for People with Disabilities	Masahide Tei (70)	Kobe City, Hyogo Japan -----
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	Femmy Umboh (60)	East Jakarta, Jakarta Province, 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 Indonesia	Rifzal Rivai (60)	Tangerang, Banten, 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 Consulate-General of Japan at Busan	Lee Jeonghee (65)	Busan, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
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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 Poland	Krystyna Zabojszcz Mieszkowska (61)	Piaseczno, Mazowsze, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Consular-Office of Japan at Kota Kinabalu	Peter Tham Nyuk Tin (60)	Kinarut, Sabah, Malaysia (Malaysia)