

2015 Spring Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	age	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States	*Former Speaker of the House of Representatives *House Democratic Leader *Member of the House of Representatives	Nancy Pelosi	75	Washington District of Columbia U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening of the economic relations and promoting relations between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former British Ambassador to Japan *Former Chairman, Hitachi Europe Ltd *Former Director, Hitachi Ltd	Stephen John Gomersall	67	London, The United Kingdom (U.K)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and Australia	*President of the Australia-Japan Business Co-operation Committee *Co-chairman of the Australia-Japan Conference *Former Chairman of Infrastructure Australia *Former CEO of British Airways	Roderick Eddington	65	Melbourne, Victoria Australia (Australia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Papua New Guinea	*Former Prime Minister *Former Minister for Foreign Affairs *Member of the Parliament *Governor of East Sepic Province	Michael Thomas Somare	79	Wewak East Sepic Province Papua New Guinea (Papua New Guinea)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Chairperson of Association of East Asian Relations *Former Chairperson of The Japanese Studies Association in Taiwan	Hsu Shui-teh	83	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting legislative exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Member of the U.S. Senate *Former Co-Chairman of the US-Japan Legislatives' Committee Meeting	William Warren Bradley	71	New York, New York U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and India	*Former Advisor to Prime Minister *Former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister *Former Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board *Former Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab	Thottuvelil Krishna Pilla Aiyappankutty Nair	75	Thiruvananthapuram Kerala India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic interchange and mutual understanding in science and technology between Japan and India	*Former Director of Indian Institute of Science *Honorary President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore *Former Chair of the Japan-India Science Council	Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao	80	Bangalore Karnataka India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding in the political and economic fields between Japan and Canada	*Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan *Former Deputy Foreign Minister *Former Canadian Chair of Canada-Japan Forum	Donald Wilfred Campbell	74	Vancouver, British Columbia Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of relation and the promotion of friendship between Japan and Africa	*Former Ambassador of Republic of Zimbabwe to Japan *Secretary, Office of the President and cabinet	Stuart Harold Comberbach	62	Harare Republic of Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing the cordial relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan, and to promoting the international contributions of Japan in Southeast Asia	*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand *Former Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand *Former Chairman of Asian Institute of Technology Executive Committee *Chairman of Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability Executive Board	Tej Bunnag	71	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting investment of Japanese companies to the Republic of Korea and to developing academic exchanges between Japan and the Republic of Korea and Japan's academic studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Foreign Investment Ombudsman of the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency *Former Chairman of the Regulatory Reform Committee *Chairman of the Korean Commission for Corporate Partnership *Former Dean of the Graduate School of International Studies, Chung Ang University 	<p>Ahn Choong Yong</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Seongnam City, Gyeonggi Province Republic of Korea</p> <p>(Republic of Korea)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Japanese-German Center Berlin *Joint Chairman of the Japanese-German Forum * Former Chairman of the Executive Board of Merck KGaA 	<p>Bernhard Scheuble</p>	<p>61</p>	<p>Germany Hessen Bensheim</p> <p>(Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *President of the University of Hamburg *Vice President of the German Rectors' Conference *Former President of the Free University of Berlin 	<p>Dieter Lenzen</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Hamburg Germany</p> <p>(Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening of relations between Japan and France in the field of aerospace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *President of Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales *Chairman of the France-Japan Business Council of MEDEF International *Former Chairman & CEO of Arianespace *Former Co-Chairman of the EU-Japan Business Round Table (BRT) 	<p>Jean-Yves Le Gall</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>Paris France</p> <p>(France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Ambassador to Japan *Chairman of Suzuki Malaysia Automobile Sdn Bhd *Chairman of Mitsubishi Motors Malaysia Sdn Bhd *Director of Honda Malaysia Sdn Bhd 	<p>Tan Sri Marzuki bin Mohd Noor</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur Malaysia</p> <p>(Malaysia)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of the relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and Lao PDR	*Former Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs *Minister to Presidential Office *Honorary President of the Lao Karatedo Federation	Phongsavath Boupba	68	Vientiane Lao PDR (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to the enhancement of bilateral economic relations and promotion of exchanges between Japan and Taiwan	*Senior Advisor of CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd. *Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Association for Business Communication *Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Foundation * Chairman of The Tokyo Star Bank, Limited	Chiang Pin-Kung	82	Taipei Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations through baseball between Japan and the United States and the development of Japan's baseball world	*Former President and Owner of Los Angeles Dodgers	Peter O'Malley	77	Los Angeles, California U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to science and technology exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences *Former Chief Operating Officer of the National Research Council *Former Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State	Elmer William Colglazier Jr.	70	McLean Virginia U.S.A. (U.S.A)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations and to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Birmingham *Former Chairman of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama *Former Co-Chairman of the Japan Southeast U.S. Association Annual Conferences	Elmer Beseler Harris	76	Cropwell Alabama U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and the United States, and development of Japanese sporting world.</p>	<p>*President Emeritus of the United States Olympic Committee *Former Member of the International Olympic Committee *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of El Pomar Foundation *Former Special Counsel to President Ronald Reagan</p>	<p>William Joseph Hybl</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Colorado Springs, Colorado U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Honorary Consul-General of Japan at San Juan *Former Chairman of the Board of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Manuel Morales, Jr.</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>San Juan, Puerto Rico U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Global Health and Public Health in Japan</p>	<p>*Taro Takemi Professor of International Health policy, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health *Director, Takemi Program in International Health, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health *Former Director, Harvard University Center for Population and Development Studies</p>	<p>Michael Robin Reich</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Boston Massachusetts U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to the promotion of economic relations between Japan and Algeria</p>	<p>*Former co-President of Japan-Algeria Joint Economic Committee *Former President of Business Leaders' Forum (FCE)</p>	<p>Réda Hamiani</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Algiers Algiers Algeria (Algeria)</p>
<p>The order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to the enhancement of economic relations and mutual understandings between Japan and Israel</p>	<p>*Chairman of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Roni Aaron Bornstein</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Herzliya The State of Israel (Israel)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendly relationship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States through the promotion of Japanese arts	*Former Chairman of Curators of the Oriental Institute, Oxford University *Former Chairman of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford University *The Dame Jillian Sackler Director of the Arthur M.Sackler Gallery and the Freer Gallery of Art	Julian Raby	65	Washington District of Columbia U.S.A. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Estonia	*Former Charge d'Affaires a.i., Estonian Embassy in Japan *Former Counsellor in charge of Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs *President, Estonia-Japan Association	Heikki Vallaste	71	Tallinn Estonia (Estonia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Netherlands	*Former Professor of the History of Medicine of the Leiden University *Former president of the Netherlands Association Japanese Studies *Scaliger Professor Special Collections in the Leiden University library.	Harmen Beukers	69	Leiderdorp Netherlands (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Hellenic Republic	*Former Director of Far East Direction of the Greek National Tourist Organization *President of the Greek-Japanese Association	Dimos Vratsanos	76	Athens Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributing to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Göteborg	Thomas Lumsden	72	Billdal, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to academic exchanges which enhance the cordial relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan	*Former Rector, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang	Kosol Petchsuwan	76	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to friendships between Japan and the Republic of Korea and to promoting understanding of Japan in the Republic of Korea	*Chairman, The Korean-Japan Cultural Exchange Council *Former President, Korea-Japan Future Forum *Director, Japan Center of Dongseo University	Chung Ku-Chong	70	Seoul Republic of Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese Studies in the People's Republic of China and contributed to developing the Japanese language in the People's Republic of China	*Former Dean of Japanese Department at Beijing foreign Studies University *Former Head of Beijing Centre for Japanese Studies at Beijing foreign Studies University	Yan Ansheng	77	Beijing China (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the advancement of science and technology cooperation between Japan and Germany	*Former Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI *Former State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research	Frieder Meyer-Krahmer	65	Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to Strengthening of economic relations between Japan and New Zealand.	*Chair of the New Zealand International Business Forum *Founder and Chairman of ANZCO Foods Ltd	Graeme Thomas Harrison	66	Mid Canterbury, New Zealand (New Zealand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relation and sports exchange between Japan and Finland	*Member of the IOC *Former Chairman of Athletes' Commission, IOC *Board Member of Finnish Olympic Committee *Former President of International Sailing Federation	Peter Tallberg	77	Espoo Finland (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Brazil, protecting Japanese and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	*Former President of Brazil-Japan Cultural Association of Bahia *Honorary Consul General of Japan in Salvador	Odecil Costa Oliveira	70	Salvador, Bahia Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting parliamentary relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	*Former Senator *Former Vice-President of the friendship group France-Japan of the Senate *Former mayor of Sévrier	Pierre Hérisson	69	Annecy, Haute-Savoie, France (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and New Caledonia	*Honorary consul of Japan in Nouméa *Former President of the Japan Association of New Caledonia	Marie-José Takamouné Michel	66	Nouméa New Caledonia France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting parliamentary relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	*Former Senator *Former Vice-President of the friendship group France-Japan of the Senate Mayor of Victot-Pontfol	Ambroise Dupont	77	Hotot-en-Auge, Calvados, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting scientific exchange between Japan and France	*Former Director of studies at the EHES *Former Director of Contemporary Japan Research Center	Augustin Berque	72	Palaiseau France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to development of Japanese studies in Poland and promotion of academic exchanges between Japan and Poland	*Professor, Section of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Warsaw University *Chairman, Takashima Foundation *Former Head of Department of Japanese and Korean Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Warsaw University	Ewa Palasz-Rutkowska	61	Warsaw Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the enhancement of relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and Portugal	*Honorary General Consul of Japan in Porto *President of the Board of Director of Toyota Caetano Portugal,S.A.	José Reis da Silva Ramos	68	Vila Nova de Gaia Portugal (Portugal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding, and economic and technical exchanges between Japan and Lithuania	*Former General Manager of Visaginas Nuclear Power Plant *President of Lithuania and Japan Friendship Association *President of Lithuanian Alumni Association of Former Students in Japan	Rimantas Vaitkus	58	Vilnius Lithuania (Lithuania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Director General of Margarita Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature	Ekaterina Yurievna Genieva	69	Moscow Russia (Russia)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia through music</p>	<p>*Chief Conductor of St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra *Artistic Director of St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra</p>	<p>Yuri Khatuevich Temirkanov</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing the Japanese language education in Russia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>*Professor, the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University *Head of Laboratory “Oriental languages in Secondary schools”, the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University * Head of the Association of Japanese Language Teachers in Russia and CIS</p>	<p>Lyudmila Timofeevna Nechaeva</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Moscow Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and technology exchanges between Japan and Russia in the nuclear field</p>	<p>*General Director of State Research and Development Center for Expertise of Projects and Technologies, State Nuclear Energy Corporation “Rosatom” *Coordinator from the Russian Federation of Japanese-Russian Nuclear Experts Group on Response to the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident</p>	<p>Larion Aleksandrovich Lebedev</p>	<p>58</p>	<p>Moscow Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to better understanding of Japan and formulation of policy recommendations for Japan through economic analysis at the OECD</p>	<p>*Senior Economist, Head of Japan/Korea desk, Division of Country Studies 3, Country Studies Branch Economics Department OECD</p>	<p>Randall Sidney Jones</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>St Nom la Bretèche, Yvelines, France (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting the status of the Japanese American community in the United States and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Chair of Board of Directors of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center *Current President of Amache Historical Society *Former Board Member of Japanese American National Museum *Current President of the Terminal Islanders *Former President of Japanese American Korean War Veterans *Current Advisor of Omotesenke Domonkai Southern California Region</p>	<p>Minoru Tonai</p>	<p>86</p>	<p>Woodland Hills, California U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Minneapolis *Former President of the Japan America Society of Minnesota</p>	<p>Mirja P. Hanson</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Commonwealth of Australia</p>	<p>*Former President of Australia-Japan Society of Western Australia</p>	<p>Patrick David Whight</p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Perth Western Australia Australia (Australia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Singapore through pottery</p>	<p>*Potter *Former teacher of Temasek Polytechnic</p>	<p>Iskandar Jalil</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>JalanKembangan Singapore (Singapore)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributing to introducing and promoting Japanese culture in Sweden</p>	<p>*Former Museum Director of the Museum of Ethnography</p>	<p>Ulla Wagner</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Serbia and the development of football in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Manager of Nagoya Grampus *Former Player of Nagoya Grampus *Former President of the Yugoslav Football Association *Former Goodwill Ambassador of Peace Consolidation and Economic Development of the Western Balkans *Sport and tourism meister 	Dragan Stojkovic	50	Paris France (Serbia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to popularizing Karate-do which enhance the cordial relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Executive Vice President, Boonrawd Brewery Co., Ltd. *President, Thailand Karate Federation 	Chutinant Bhirombhakdi	58	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of Japanese Arts, Japanese Studies and Japanese culture in the Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former lecturer, Japanese Language and Literature, Philosophical Faculty, Charles University * Former curator of Japanese and Korean Collection, Asian Department, Naprstek Museum of Asian, African and American Cultures, National Museum, Prague 	Alice Kraemerova	64	Prague 10 Prague Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of Japanese Arts, Japanese Studies and Japanese culture in the Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Emerita director of the Collection of Oriental Art, National Gallery in Prague * Former curator of Japanese Art, the Collection of Oriental Art, National Gallery in Prague 	Helena Honcoopova	66	Prague 3 Prague Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *President of the German-Japanese Society Frankfurt am Main *Former President of the German-Japanese Society Baden-Württemberg 	Volker Gempt	73	Königstein im Taunus, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting legislative exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	*Former Head of Division "Courts Constitution" at Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection	Harald Reichenbach	66	Berlin, Germany (Germany)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the advancement of status of Japan in the United Nations and the enhancement of relations between Japan and the United Nations	*Former Senior Officer, the Asia and the Pacific Division, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations	Alexander Ilitchev	62	Moscow Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Forklore, and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Emeritus Research Fellow Institute of Ethnology Academia Sinica	Liu Chih wan	91	Taipei Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and spreading Japanese art in the United States.	*Former Dr. Joseph de Heer Curator of Asian Art in the Denver Art Museum *Former board member of the Japan America Society of Colorado	Ronald Yetsuo Otsuka	70	Denver, Colorado U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and understanding of Japan in the United States through a cherry blossom festival	*Founder and Former President and CEO of Macon, Georgia's International Cherry Blossom Festival	Carolyn Crayton	83	Macon Georgia U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in the United States	*Former President of the Japan America Society of Hawaii *Former President of the Ehime Maru Memorial Association *Former President of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation	Edwin Preston Hawkins Jr.	65	Honolulu Hawaii U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the advancement of social status of Japanese Americans in the United States and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Chairman of DC Chapter, JACL *Former Chairman of National Japanese American Memorial Foundation	Raymond Shoji Murakami	87	Bethesda Maryland U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting and presenting Japanese Culture in India	*President, Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai *Director, Bonsai Study Group of Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai *Director, World Bonsai Friendship Federation *Second Vice President, Bonsai Clubs International	Nikunj Parekh	74	Mumbai Maharashtra India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the betterment of welfare and medical services for Japanese residents and to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand	*Clinic Director of the Bangkok Hospital Japanese Medical Service and Vice President of Medical/Dental staff organization * Director of the Elderly Care and Nursing Home	Renu Ubol	60	Laksi Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhance the defence relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan	*Former President, National Defense Academy Alumni Association in Thailand *Honorary President, National Defense Academy Alumni Association in Thailand	Chongchetn Buranasilpin	79	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
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	*Honorary President of LSH Asia Shogakukai	Lee Sung Dae	76	Busan, Republic of Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting of economic cooperation and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea.	*Vice Chairman, Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry *President, Jeju Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Hyun Seung Tak	68	Jeju, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand	*Former Chairman of Christchurch Kurashiki Sister City Committee *Former Deputy Chairman of Christchurch Kurashiki Sister City Committee *Managing Director of D.B-S International Ltd	David Bolam-Smith	71	Christchurch, New Zealand (New Zealand)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese community and to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former Director of the Bárbara Heliodora Hospital *Former Director of the Santa Casa Charity Hospital of Acre *Former Director of the Santa Juliana Hospital *Former Director of Pronto Clínica Emergency Hospital *Former President of Japan-Brazil Society of Acre</p>	<p>Tetsuo Kawada</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Rio Branco City The State of Acre Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil.</p>	<p>*Former President of Japan-Brazil Cultural Society of Brasilia *Former President of Federation of Japan-Brazil Associations of Central-West Region</p>	<p>Shigeru Hayashi</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Brasilia, DF Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to improving social welfare and to the solution of education as well as labor problem for Japanese and Japanese – Brazilian in Brazil.</p>	<p>*Former President of the Dom Jose Gaspar Social Association. *President of the Institute for Social Solidarity of Education and Culture</p>	<p>Reimei Yoshioka</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese/Peruvian community and to promoting understanding of the Japanese Culture in Peru</p>	<p>*Former President of the Peuvian Japanese Association *Former President of La Unión Stadium Association</p>	<p>Luis Baba Nakao</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Lima, Peru (Peru)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed greatly in the development and promotion of tourism between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<p>*Group Managing Director, Apple Group of Companies</p>	<p>Ee Hoe Lee</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to the Protection of Japanese Citizens and to the activities of the Japanese Overseas Establishment and the Japanese Companies</p>	<p>*Lawyer for the Embassy of Japan in Germany and for the Consulate General in Duesseldorf *President of German-Japanese Society at Niederrhein</p>	<p>Rudolf Franz</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Duesseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia Germany (Germany)</p>

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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 India	Toppay Bhutia	64	New Delhi India (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka	Indrani Ariyaratne	60	Kandana Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations	Winifred I Olsen	72	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A)
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