

Foreign Minister's Commendations FY2015(Individuals)

NO.	NAME(OMIT TITLES FROM NAMES)	MAJOR TITLES	SERVICES	ADDRESS
1	WATANABE Yoshiko	New KIKUSUI Co.Ltd President	Contribution to the diplomatic activities though dispatch of chefs for Ambassador/Consul-General of Japan	Bangkok, Thailand
2	MORIMOTO Kosei	Abbot Emeritus, Todaiji Temple	Promotion of dialogue among civilizations between Japan and Islamic society	Nara-City, Nara, Japan
3	SATO Junko	Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations	New York, NY, U.S.A
4	SASAMOTO Kiyomi (professionally known as IMAFUJI Tamami)	Japanese Traditional Musician	Promotion of Japanese Culture in Republic of Korea	Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan
5	CHON Wolson	soprano opera singer	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Republic of Korea	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan
6	IDE Hiromasa (professionally known as IDE Haku)	Adviser of Minoru Endo Music Foundation	Promotion of cultural exchange through music between Japan and Mongolia	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan
7	KIKUCHI Sou	Head of Tokyo Komaki Ballet	Promotion of cultural exchange through ballet between Japan and Mongolia	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan
8	HARASHIMA Fumiko (professionally known as AZUMA Kanho)	Azuma Academy Japanese Classical Dance Association, Master	Promotion of Japanese Classical Dance in Mongolia	Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan
9	LI Shengyan FU Chunxia	李氏: Manager, Tianjin Japanese Language Institute for the Blind 傅氏: Deputy manager, Tianjin Japanese Language Institute for the Blind	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and People's Republic of China	Tianjin, People's Republic of China
10	YANO Koji	Actor	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and People's Republic of China	Beijing, People's Republic of China
11	LI Zandong	Professor, China Agricultural University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and People's Republic of China	Beijing, People's Republic of China
12	MIZOGUCHI Tetsuichiro	Chairman, Hong Kong Kagoshima Exchange Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China
13	MURAIISHI Kunio	Director, The Japan Society of Macau	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Macau	Macau SAR, People's Republic of China
14	Tangaa MUNKHTSETSEG	Professor, Department of Asian studies, Division of Humanities, School of Arts and Sciences, National University of Mongolia	Promotion of Japan research in Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar city, Mongolia
15	Radnaa BATTOGTOKH	Japanese Interpreter, Translator	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar city, Mongolia
16	GAO Fu	Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Professor	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and People's Republic of China	Peking, People's Republic of China
17	Veronica Louise TAYLOR	Dean of the Australian National University College of Asia and the Pacific	Development of Japanese Studies in Australia	Canberra, ACT Australia
18	KATO Armstrong Yukari (Armstrong Yukali)	Adviser, Canberra Japan Club	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Canberra, ACT Australia

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19	Barry JARMAN	Past-President, Australia Japan Society, Canberra	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Kambah, ACT Australia
20	Catherine Jonak (Cathy JONAK)	Senior Language Consultant, The Japan Foundation, Sydney	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Australia	Naremburn, NSW, Australia
21	Sally Lorraine SHIMADA	Japanese Language Officer, Secondary Education, NSW Department of Education	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Balgowlah, NSW, Australia
22	Jenny DOWELL	Mayor of Lismore City Council	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Lismore, NSW, Australia
23	Dekura Hideo	Culinary consultant	Promotion of Japanese food culture in foreign countries	Chatswood, NSW, Australia
24	Manuel PANAGIOTOPOULOS	Managing Director, Australian & Japanese Economic Intelligence	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Monterey ,NSW, Australia
25	Kent ANDERSON	Deputy Vice-Chancellor(Community and Engagement), The University of Western Australia	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Australia	Crawley, WA, Australia
26	NAKAGAWA Terumi (professionally known as GODAI Natsuko)	Singer	Promotion of cultural exchange through music between Japan and Viet Nam	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan
27	WATANABE Go	Head, New Heart Watanabe Institute	Promotion of mutual understanding through medical field between Japan and Viet Nam	Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan
28	Martina Kuniko Pohan	Instructor , Chado Urasenke Tankokai Indonesia Association	Promotion of Japanese Culture in Indonesia	Jakarta Barat, Indonesia
29	Kikuko Krisanti Soendoro	Instructor , Chado Urasenke Tankokai Indonesia Association	Promotion of Japanese Culture in Indonesia	Jakarta Selatan,Indonesia
30	Dewa Ngurah Suprpta	Head of the Laboratory of Biopesticide of Udayana University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia
31	Gerard B. SANVICTORES	Vice-President, the Philippines-Japan Society, Inc.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines	Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
32	UCHIDA Tatsuo	President, Datu Uchida Development Foundation	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines	Mitaka-City, Tokyo, Japan
33	ONOZAWA Jun	Former Senior Volunteer, Japan International Cooperation Agency	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia	Akishima-City, Tokyo, Japan
34	ITO Kyo	President of Japan-Sri Lanka Association of Education	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Suita-city, Osaka, Japan
35	NISHIMOTO Tatsuo	Former Secretary General, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and India	Fujisawa-City, Kanagawa, Japan
36	Prem MOTWANI	Professor of Japanese Studies, Center for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Promotion of Japan research in India	New Delhi, India

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37	Upali Stanley JAYASEKERA	Chairman, Sasakawa Memorial Sri Lanka-Japan Cultural Centre Trust	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Sri Lanka
38	G.KULATILAKE	Vice Patron, JASTECA	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Maharagama, Sri Lanka
39	CHITRAL Jayawardene	President, Japan International Cooperation Agency Alumni Association of Sri Lanka	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Colombo, Sri Lanka
40	UENISHI Kodo	Advisor, Kurashiki international Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Kurashiki-City, Okayama, Japan
41	Lori Lei MATSUKAWA	KING-TV News Anchor	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Bellevue, WA, U.S.A.
42	James Satoshi KANKI	Fundraising Chair, Heart of America Japan-America Society	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Kansas City, MO, U.S.A
43	Akiko Kawano JONES	Director & Senior Lecturer of Japanese Language, Asian Studies Program, Bowling Green State University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Bowling Green, OH, U.S.A.
44	Karl Foster DEAN	Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Nashville, TN, U.S.A.
45	TEUNE Kazumi	Executive Director, Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A
46	HOMMA Shunichi	Japanese Medical Support Network, Inc. (JAMSNET) - President	Enhancement of Medical Services for Japanese people in U.S.A	New York, NY, U.S.A.
47	Nancy C. ALLEN	Board Member of Asia Society Texas Center	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Houston, TX, U.S.A
48	Fernando QUEZADA	Executive Director, Biotechnology Center of Excellence Corporation (BCEC)	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Waltham, MA, U.S.A
49	ISHIKURA Takemasa	Take One inc, President	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Orland, FL, U.S.A
50	NISHIOKA Reiko	Museum Consultant	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Delray Beach, FL, U.S.A
51	HIGA Chogi	Okinawa Goodwill Ambassador	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Gardena, CA, U.S.A
52	Kumiko Lucy YAMASHITA	First Vice President of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
53	OTA Norio	Associate Lecturer, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
54	Marie GAUDETTE	Executive Director, the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.	Chicago, IL, U.S.A

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55	SAWADA Chikako	Special Coordinator and Japanese Professor, the Language Center of the Department of Humanity, Panama University	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Panama	Panama City, Panama
56	OHGAKI Kishiro	Director, Kyoto Institute of Latin-American Studies	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Shimamoto-Cho, Mishima-Gun, Osaka, Japan
57	Melba Eugenia Maritza FALCK REYES	Professor of Pacific Study Department, University of Guadalajara	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Zapopan, Jarisco, Mexico
58	OHNO Takehiro	Executive Chef of the TEA CONNECTION & GREEN EAT	Promotion of Japanese food culture in foreign countries	San Isidro, Provincia de Buenos Aires, Argentina
59	NAKAMURA Saneyoshi	Internal Auditor, Okinawans Center in Argentine	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina	Capital Federal Buenos Aires,Argentina
60	MATSUMOTO Naohisa (Naoshi MATSUMOTO Takahashi)	Deputy Chairman SIGDO KOPPERS S. A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Chile	Santiago, Chile
61	SONODA Yoshito	President, Paraguay Gate ball Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	Distrito Pirapó, Departamento de Itapua, Paraguay
62	Dionisio ORTEGA	Rector of Nihon Gakko University	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	Fernando de la Mora, Departamento Central, Paraguay
63	Francisco BIRNSTILL	President of Paraguayan Judo Federation	Promotion of Judo in Paraguay	Fernando de la Mora, Departamento Central, Paraguay
64	MAEHARA Hiromichi	PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF JAPANESE ASSOCIATIONS IN PARAGUAY	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	Ciudad de Ita, Departamento Central, Paraguay
65	Emilio YOSHIMURA	President, Japanese Association of the Federico Chavez colony	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	Distrito de capitán Miranda, Departamento Itapua, Paraguay
66	KONISHI Toshiro	Owner of the Restaurant "TOSHIRO'S-MANDALAY"	Promotion of Japanese food culture in foreign countries	Lima, Perú
67	KURIHARA Takero	JUDO Teacher	Promotion of Judo in Italy	Milano, Italy
68	Donatella FAILLA	Director of the 'Edoardo Chiossone' Museum of the Oriental Art in Genoa	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	Genoa, Italy
69	Fiorella SPADAVECCHIA	Director of the Oriental Art Museum, Venice	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	Venezia, Italy
70	KATO Setsuo	Photo-Journalist Editor	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	London, United Kingdom
71	Marie SÖDERBERG	Professor and Director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies	Promotion of Japan research in Sweden	Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden
72	Jaime GORBEÑA YLLERA	Chairman, Bergé y Cía	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Madrid, Spain

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73	María Isabel SAN GABINO ORTIZ	Chief of Department of Japanese Language, Official Language School of Madrid	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Spain	Madrid, Spain
74	SUZUKI Yuko	Japanese Language Coordinator, Complutense University of Madrid, Foreign Language Center (CSIM)	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Spain	Madrid, Spain
75	Tomás ZUMÁRRAGA ORTIZ	Ex-President of Shacho Kai Madrid	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain
76	Antonio Francisco BARBERÁN PELEGRÍN	Lawyer, Japanese Language Professor	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain
77	Álvaro VARELA DE UGARTE	Principal of Álvaro Varela Architects	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Madrid, Spain
78	FISCHER Midori	aps midorifischer manager	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Denmark	Hvidovre, Denmark
79	NAGATSUKA Katsuyuki	ancien Secrétaire général, Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie Japonaise en France	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and France	Paris, France
80	Marie-Claire LETT	Director of the Maison Universitaire France-Japon (MUFJ)	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and France	Schiltigheim, France
81	Jean REGIS	Professeur de Neurochirurgie, Faculte de Medicine, Aix Marseille Université	Promotion of mutual understanding through medical field between Japan and France	Marseille, France
82	LAFUMA Chantal	President of committee of the sister cities Chamonix-Fujiyoshida	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and France	Chamonix Mont Blanc, France
83	TSUTSUI Hidenori	Former co-chairman of the Japan-Austria Committee for Issues of the Future	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Austria	Yokohama-City, Kanagawa, Japan
84	YAMAGUCHI Etsuko (professionally known as YAMAGUCHI Soetsu)	Advisor, Distinguished Master, The Urasenke Tankokai Krakow SENSHIN Association	Promotion of Japanese Culture in Poland	Chigasaki-City, Kanagawa, Japan
85	TEN Shinichi	Former Associate Professor of Kyiv National Linguistic University	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Ukraine	Kyiv, Ukraine
86	HASHIOKA Hisaharu (professionally known as HASHIOKA Kyutaro)	9th generation Hashioka Family	Promotion of "Noh" in foreign countries	Sakura-City, Chiba, Japan
87	Max KOTHBAUER	Former co-chairman of the Japan-Austria Committee for Issues of the Future	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Austria	Vienna, Austria
88	OMURA(Elezovic)Reiko	Japanese language teacher at SUVAG Language School	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Croatia	Zagreb, Croatia
89	KOSUMOTO(Sulimanovic) Emi	Japanese language teacher at Latina Language School	Promotion of Japanese Language Education in Croatia	Zapresic, Croatia
90	Beat FREY	President of the Swiss Romande section of the Swiss-Japanese Association	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Switzerland	Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland

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91	YANO Hiromi	President of the Japan Club of Geneva	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Switzerland	Chambesy, Geneva, Switzerland
92	Gerhard WIESHEU	Chairman, Japanese-German Business Association(DJW)	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Duesseldorf, Germany
93	KODAIRA Keiichi	Director, JSPS(Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Bonn Office	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Germany	Bonn, Germany
94	Masumi Böttcher-Muraki (professionally known as Masumi Schmidt-Muraki)	Author	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Central and Eastern European countries	München, Bayern, Germany
95	ASAI Katsuaki	Head of Trainers of the Aikikai Deutschland.e.V	Promotion of Aikido in Germany	Meerbusch, Germany
96	INADOME Yasuo	Director, Press and Public Relations Department of Dusseldorf Japan Club	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Toenisvorst, Germany
97	OCHI Hideo	Chief Trainer of the JKA Germany Karate Association	Promotion of Karate in Germany	Bottrop, Germany
98	OSHIMA-GERISCH Keiko	Honorary Member of the German-Japanese Society Augsburg-Schwaben	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Unterschleissheim, Bavaria, Germany
99	Gabriele BAUER	Lord Mayor of the City Rosenheim	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Rosenheim, Bavaria, Germany
100	UENO MUELLER Yoshiko	President of UENO GOURMET GmbH	Promotion of Japanese sake and food culture in foreign countries	Kronberg, Germany
101	KIRÁLY József	Honorary President of the Kecskemét Aomori Friendship Circle	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hungary	Kecskemét, Hungary
102	Nako Rayinov STEFANOV	Chief of East Asia Languages and Cultures Department, Classical and New Philology Faculty, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski	Promotion of Japan research in Bulgaria	Sofia, Bulgaria
103	Constantin CHIRIAC	President, Sibiu International Theatre Festival	Promotion of cultural exchange through performing arts between Japan and Romania	Sibiu, Romania
104	Aleksandr KACHAN	Director of the Aikido club "Ooshinkan"	Promotion of Aikido in Russia	Moscow, Russia
105	Aleksandr MESCHERYAKOV	Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Moscow, Russia
106	LARIN, Viktor Lavrentievich	Director of the Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the peoples of the Far-East, Far-Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Russia	Vladivostok, Russia
107	Igor Yurievich VOCTRIKOV	the president of the chamber of commerce and industry in the far east	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Khabarovsk, Russia
108	SULTANOV Jalil	The Director, "The Memorial Exposition Museum of the Japanese Citizens' Sojourn in Uzbekistan in 1940s."	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Uzbekistan	Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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109	KOICHUMANOV Talaibek	Adviser, the JICA Alumni Association in the Kyrgyz Republic	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Kyrgyz Republic	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
110	OMAE Masaya	Managing Director: Success Project Management Office Co., Ltd.	Promotion of international cooperation in the maritime education field	Kashiwa-City, Chiba, Japan
111	AMEMIYA Kiyoshi	Nikken Corporation President	Promotion of international cooperation in the Mine eliminating operation	Yamanashi-City, Yamanashi, Japan
112	NONAKA Ikujo	Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University	Promotion of international cooperation in the human resource development field	Hachioji-City, Tokyo, Japan
113	YOSHIHARA Namiko	Chief of AIDS Research Center, National Institute of Infectious Diseases	Promotion of international cooperation in the health sector	Nerima-ku, Tokyo, Japan
114	HAMANAKA Hironori	Chair of the Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies	Promotion of international cooperation in the Global Environment field	Yokohama-City, Kanagawa, Japan
115	ANGBO Isaac	Federation of Judo and Associated Budo Disciplines in Côte d'Ivoire, President	Promotion of Judo in Côte d' Ivoire	Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire
116	Fr. Jude McKenna	Deputy President, Zambia Judo Association	Promotion of Judo in Zambia	Lusaka, Zambia