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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	Age	Address (Nationality)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to enhancing Japan's security, developing the Japan Self-Defence Forces, and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Former Commander, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force	John Lawrence Dolan	53	Washington, D.C., U.S.A (U.S.A)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and India	*Former Minister for Law and Justice *Former Special Envoy of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Japan *Former Union Minister of State for Industry *Served as accompanying Minister to Prime Minister Abe and other Heads of State and Governments *Former Chairman, India-Japan Forum of Parliamentarians (FICCI) *Council Member, STS Forum	Ashwani Kumar	64	New Delhi, Delhi, India (India)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the enhancement of Japan's position at the United Nations as well as the strengthening of the relationship between Japan and the United Nations	*President of 69th UN General Assembly *Foreign Minister of Uganda	Sam Kahamba Kutesa	68	Kampala, Uganda (Uganda)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to developing the education and research in the field of science and technology in Japan	* Former President of Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Promotion Corporation * Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2002)	Sydney Brenner	90	Singapore (U.K.)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to reinforcement of economic relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the Republic of Kenya	*Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs *Co-Chair of the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development Summit (TICAD VI) Ministerial Pre-Conference	Amina C. Mohamed	55	Nairobi, Kenya (Kenya)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Korea	*Former Chairman, The Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry *Chairman of CJ Group	Sohn Kyung Shik	77	Seoul, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Korea	*Former Speaker of the National Assembly *Former Advisor to the Korea-Japan Parliamentarian's Union *Former Chairman of the Special Committee on Joseon Missions to Japan, the Korea-Japan Parliamentarian's Union	Chung Ui-Hwa	68	Busan, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and economic relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Governor, State of Indiana *Former Director, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. *President, Purdue University	Mitchell Elias Daniels, Jr.	68	West Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing Japan's security, developing the Japan Self-Defence Forces, and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Commander, United States Marine Forces Pacific(Lieutenant General) *Former Deputy Commander, United States Forces Japan	John Aloysius Toolan, Jr.	62	Washington D.C. U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Algeria	* Former Ambassador of Algeria to Japan	Slim Tahar Debagha	80	Algiers, Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	* Former Ambassador of Indonesia to Japan * Former Head of Indonesian Delegates to the Indonesia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiation * Advisor to the Defense Minister	Soemadi Djoko Moerdiono Brotodiningrat	75	South Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting understanding of the situation of Human Rights in North Korea in the international society including the issue of abductions of Japanese citizens	*Former member of United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK *Former Attorney General *Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the DPRK	Marzuki Darusman	72	South Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Egypt	*Former Ambassador of Egypt to Japan *Former Chairperson of the Egypt-Japan Business Council *Former Undersecretary of United Nations & Executive Secretary of ESCWA *Former Minister of Insurance & Social Affairs *Head of Arab Women Organization	Mervat Tallawy	80	Cairo, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of the situation of Human Rights in North Korea in the international society including the issue of abductions of Japanese citizens</p>	<p>*Former Chair of United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK *Former Justice of the High Court of Australia *Former Chancellor of Macquarie University in Sydney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Kirby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">78</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Australia to Japan *Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade *Former CEO of the Australian Trade Commission *Executive of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peter Grey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">68</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan *Former Assistant Deputy Minister for Asia-Pacific and Africa, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade *Representative, Joseph Caron Incorporated *Member, Board of Directors, Manulife Financial Corporation *Member, Board of Directors, Vancouver International Airport</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Caron</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">69</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (Canada)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Spain</p>	<p>*Former State Secretary for Commerce *Chairman and CEO of CESCE (Compañía Española de Seguros de Crédito a la Exportación)</p>	<p>Jaime García-Legaz Ponce</p>	<p>48</p>	<p>Madrid, Madrid, Spain (Spain)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka</p>	<p>*Former President of Sri Lanka Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association *Former Minister of Power and Energy *Minister of Science, Technology and Research</p>	<p>Susil Premajayantha</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of New Zealand to Japan *Former New Zealand Commissioner General, Aichi World Expo 2005 *Chief Executive, The Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand *Special Envoy for Disaster and Risk Management and Special Advisor and Director Christchurch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>Phillip Gibson</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Christchurch, New Zealand (New Zealand)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Bangladesh and rescuing Japanese hostages</p>	<p>*Former Chief of Air Staff *Former Minister for Food, Relief and Rehabilitation *Former Presidential Advisor</p>	<p>Abdul Ghffar Mahmud</p>	<p>83</p>	<p>Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the Philippines</p>	<p>*Founder of SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co. *Chairman Emeritus, Board of Governors, Asian Institute of Management *Chairman Emeritus, Board of Trustees, Asian Institute of Management</p>	<p>Washington Z. SyCip</p>	<p>95</p>	<p>Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Honorary President of Paris Ile-de-France Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry *Former Chairman of France-Japan Economic Exchange Committee</p>	<p>Pierre-Antoine Gailly</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Paris, France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Peruvians in Peru and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Peru</p>	<p>*Former President of the Constitutional Court of Peru *Former Minister of Justice *Former Dean of the Faculty of Law of The University of Lima *General Secretary of the Peruvian Japanese Association</p>	<p>Victor Oscar Shiyin Garcia Toma</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Lima, Peru (Peru)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Botswana</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Botswana to Japan</p>	<p>Oscar Naledi Motswagae</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>Gaborone, Botswana (Botswana)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Morocco	*Former Chair of Trade and Investment Committee, Africa Diplomatic Corp *Former Ambassador of Morocco to Japan	Samir Arrou	64	Rabat, Rabat, Morocco (Morocco)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Chairperson of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office *Supervisor of Association of East Asian Relations *Professor Emeritus, Tsudajuku University	KOH Sekai	82	Taichung City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Vice Chairman of Third Wednesday Club *Honorary Chairmen of the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce, Taiwan (CNAIC) *Chairman, Chinese East Asia Economic Association *Chairman, TECO Group	Huang Mao Hsiung	77	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Department of Defense Official	Robert Clifton Crosby	61	Verginia, 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 developing security policies of Japan</p>	<p>*Former Special Assistant to President Reagan for International Security Affairs *Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs *Former President of Pacific Forum CSIS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James A. Kelly</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">80</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in the field of defense</p>	<p>Former Deputy Chief of the Mutual Defense Assistance Office (MDAO) in Japan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rodney Shinichi Tanaka</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">72</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japan's defense capability and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former Commander, 374th Airlift Wing, United States Air Force (Retired Colonel)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Douglas Charles DeLaMater</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">46</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Arkansas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and cultural exchange between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State *Former Visiting Professor, Yokohama National University, Department of International Business and Law *President of Japan-America Society of Washington DC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John R. Malott</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and Japanese language education in the United States and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Director, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder *Former Professor of Japanese and comparative literature, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Colorado at Boulder *Former President of American Association of Teachers of Japanese</p>	<p>Laurel Rasplica Rodd</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japan's defense capabilities and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Japan</p>	<p>Mark Ronald Wise</p>	<p>53</p>	<p>California, U.S.A (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>*President of the Parliamentary Friendship Group with Japan *Member of the Chamber of Deputies</p>	<p>Alicia Terada</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Buenos Aires City, Argentina (Argentina)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese language education and Japanese studies in Indonesia and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia</p>	<p>* Former President, University Darma Persada * Professor, University Darma Persada * Former Professor, Bogor Agricultural University</p>	<p>Kamaruddin Abdulla</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Bogor, West Jawa, Indonesia (Indonesia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic and technological relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Egypt</p>	<p>*Emiritus professor and former President of Central Metallurgical Research and Developoment Institute *Chairman of Japanese Universities Graduates & Reserchers Association *Chairman of the Egyptian Alumni Society of the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association</p>	<p>Mohamad Bahaa El Din Zaghloul</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Sheikh Zaid, Giza, Egypt (Egypt)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and economic exchanges between Japan and the Netherlands</p>	<p>*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Rotterdam *Co-Chairman, Rotterdam-Japan Club</p>	<p>Syne Jacob van der Goot</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Rotterdam, South Holland, Netherlands (Netherlands)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting the understanding of Japanese Culture in Canada</p>	<p>*Fomer Professor of Department of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto *Honorary Research Associate, Royal Ontario Museum *Professor Emeritus of Department of Eas Asian Studies, University of Toronto</p>	<p>David Boyer Waterhouse</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Oakville, Ontario, Canada (Canada)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Canada</p>	<p>Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Halifax</p>	<p>Mark James Surrette</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Canada)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and Georgia and developing Japanese ballet society	*Ballet Artistic Director of Tbilisi Z. Paliashvili Opera and Ballet State Professional Theatre *Former Prima Ballerina of Bolshoi Ballet	Nino Ananiashvili	54	Tbilisi, Georgia (Georgia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Sweden	*Former Chairman of Sweden-Japan Foundation *Former Chairman of Swedbank	Carl Eric Stålberg	66	Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Suriname	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Paramaribo	Hugo Guilherme Bromet	76	Paramaribo, Suriname (Suriname)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Sri Lanka	*Former President of Lanka-Japan Friendship Society *Vice Patron of Lanka-Japan Friendship Society	Lalitha Rajapaksa	85	Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Korea</p>	<p>*Former Head of Deputy Chief Secretary and Operation Director of the Korea-Japan Parliamentarian's Union *Former Acting Chairman of the Korea-Japan Parliamentarian's Union *Vice President of Central Association of the Korea-Japan Friendship Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kim Tae Whan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">73</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Seoul Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges in the field of foreign and security policy and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany</p>	<p>*Former professor of Political Science at University Trier *Member of Europe-Japan Conference *Member of Japanese-German Forum *Former member of the Trilateral Commission</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hanns Walter Maull</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">69</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Germany</p>	<p>*Former President of Dusseldorf Chamber of Industry and Commerce *Former Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ulrich Lehner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dusseldorf, North Rhein-Westphalia, Germany (Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand</p>	<p>*Former Chairman, Japan New Zealand Business Council *Former Representative Managing Director, Triumph International Japan *Former President, Levi Strauss Japan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brian M. Martin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">79</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Auckland, New Zealand (New Zealand)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Finland	*Former Chairman of Finnish Japanese Society *Former Professor of Aalto University and Research Director of Aalto University Lahti Center	Juha Kaila	68	Helsinki, Finland (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Finland	*Former Chairman of Finnish Japanese Society	Leo Nieminen	78	Helsinki, Finland (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and France	*Honorary Consul of Japan in Bordeaux	Bruno Lacoste	65	Pyla sur Mer, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and France	*Honorary Consul of Japan in Le Havre	Christian Leroux	73	Le Havre, France (France)
Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and economic relations between Japan and Poland	*Professor, International Comparative Studies Department, Warsaw School of Economics *Vice-President, Poland-Japan Economic Committee	Jan Wincenty Bossak	71	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening ties and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Malta	Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Malta	Hubert Charles Mifsud	73	Ta' Xbiex, Malta (Malta)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting better understanding of Japanese in the field of architecture and friendly relations between Japan and Mexico</p>	<p>*Former Professor of Metropolitan Autonomous University *Former Visiting Professor of Nihon University *Former President of the Mexico City Association of Architects *Former Vice president of the International Union of Architects(UIA) *President of the Mexican Federation of Architects' Associations</p>	<p>José Luis Cortés Delgado</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Mexico City, Mexico. (Mexico)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japan studies in Mexico and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico</p>	<p>*Former Professor of Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education *Former Professor of National Autonomous University of Mexico *Former Professor of University of Colima</p>	<p>Victor Manuel López Villafaña</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Mexico City, Mexico. (Mexico)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to mutual understanding and promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Romania</p>	<p>*Actor *General Director of "I.L.Caragiale" National Theatre of Bucharest *Former Minister of Culture</p>	<p>Ion Caramitru</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Bucharest, Romania (Romania)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributing to the promotion of academic exchanges and mutual understanding in the medical field between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>President of Yaroslavl State Medical University</p>	<p>Yury Vasilievich NOVIKOV</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Yaroslavl, Russia (Russia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and relations through development of next generation and grassroots exchanges between Japan and Taiwan.</p>	<p>*Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Cultural and Economic Association *Former Chairman of First Commercial Bank</p>	<p>Huang Tien-Lin</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>Taipei City, Taiwan</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Raleigh</p>	<p>John L. Atkins III</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Durham, North Carolina, 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 between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>President, Japan America Society of Rhode Island</p>	<p>Spencer W. Viner</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>* Former Chair of Board of Directors, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center * Former Vice Chair, U.S.- Japan Council</p>	<p>Henry Yasushi Ota</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Moorpark, California, U.S.A (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchange and Japanese culture between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Washington State Senator *Former Washington-Hyogo Sister State 50th Anniversary Host Committee Chair *Olympia-Kato Sister City Association Board member</p>	<p>Karen Riese Fraser</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Olympia, Washington, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and friendly relations and strengthening economic relations between Japan and India</p>	<p>*President, Indo-Japan Friendship Association, Gujarat *Former President, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry *Former President, Ahmedabad Management Association</p>	<p>Mukesh Mangalbhai Patel</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (India)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies in the United Kingdom through Anthropology, and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>*Emeritus Professor of Oxford Brookes University *Former Founding Director of Europe Japan Research Centre, Oxford Brookes University *Former Chair of British Association for Japanese Studies</p>	<p>Joy Hendry</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Oxford, The United Kingdom (U.K.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and New Zealand</p>	<p>*Former Mayor of South Wairarapa, New Zealand *Former Chairman of the Featherston Community Board</p>	<p>Adrienne Lee Staples</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Featherston, New Zealand (New Zealand)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Filipinos in the Philippines and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations</p>	<p>*Former President of Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai Rengokai *Former President of Cebu Nikkei Jin Kai</p>	<p>Benedicto Zulita Onari</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Cebu, Philippines (Philippines)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese language education, Japanese culture in Brazil and academic exchanges between Japan and Brazil.</p>	<p>*Associate Professor, Area of Japanese Language, Department of Foreign Language and Translation, Faculty of Literature, University of Brasilia *Founding Member of the Japanese Language Studies Association of Brasilia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alice Tamie Joko</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">67</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sao Sebastiao, Brasilia, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and introducing and promoting Japanese Culture</p>	<p>*Former Justice of the Superior Court of Appeals of the State of Sao Paulo *Former President of Aliança Cultural Brasil-Japão *Board Member of Brazil-Japan Institute of Comparative Law</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jo Tatsumi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">79</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Former President of Pasteur-Merieux Serums & Vaccins KK Tokyo *Former President of PM-DVAC Co., Ltd. *Former Honorary Consul of Japan in Lyon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Louis Henri Jean Raymond FREIDEL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">79</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ecully Rhône France (France)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing research in Humanities and promoting educational and academic exchanges between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Professor emeritus, University of Lyon, Institute of Political Studies of Lyon (Sciences Po Lyon) *Former director of the Master specialization on Contemporary East Asian Studies, ENS de Lyon and Institute of Political Studies of Lyon (Sciences Po Lyon) *Senior Research fellow at Institute of East Asian Studies (ENS Lyon/CNRS)</p>	<p>Yveline Michelle LECLER</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Brindas Rhône France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Belgium</p>	<p>*Former Director, Belgium-Japan Association and Chamber of Commerce (BJA) *Managing Director, Park Ragheno (formerly Beherman Auto. Transports) *Former Vice-President and Founding Member of Belgian-Japanese Trade Federation (BEJAT)</p>	<p>Jacques Paul Beherman</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Schilde, Antwerp, Belgium (Belgium)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting the activities of Japanese technical cooperation and strengthening relations between Japan and Botswana</p>	<p>*Principal Forest and Range Resources Officer, Department of Forestry and Range Resources, Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Conservation and Tourism</p>	<p>Motsereganye Sekgopo</p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Gaborone, Botswana (Botswana)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japan and promoting understanding towards Japan in Soviet Union and Russia</p>	<p>*Rossiyskaya Gazeta Political observer *Former correspondent of Pravda Japan Bureau</p>	<p>Vsevolod Vladimirovich OVCHINNIKOV</p>	<p>90</p>	<p>Moscow, Russia (Russia)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting musical exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Russia	*Artistic Director of St. Petersburg State Jazz Philharmonic Hall *Founder of St. Petersburg State Jazz Philharmonic Hall	David Semyonovich Goloschekin	72	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japan-Russia theatrical art exchange and developing of the Japanese drama society	President of the Chekhov International Theatre Festival	Valery Ivanovich SHADRIN	78	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting studies of Japanese economy in Russia and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Chief researcher of Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations	Elena Livovna LEONTYEVA	78	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States through economic and cultural exchange	*President of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce *Fomer Chairman of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce *Former Chairman of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii	Wayne Toshimi Ishihara	70	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and promoting Aikido in Nicaragua and promoting friendly relations	*Former President of Nicaragua Aikido Association (Founder)	Susan Clare Kinne	71	Totogalpa, Madriz, Nicaragua (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Mayor, City of Alhambra *Former Councilmember, City of Alhambra *Member, Board of Directors, Go For Broke National Education Center	Gary Yamauchi	72	Alhambra, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the development of human resources for science and technology and mutual understanding through student exchange between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Co-founder and director of the Clifton Scientific Trust *Honorary Fellow of British Association for the Advancement of Science *Former Science Teacher	Eric Albone	77	Bristol, The United Kingdom (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Budo in the Netherlands and friendly relations between Japan and the Netherlands	Former president of the Netherlands Kendo Federation	Jan Hendrik Odinet	85	Zuid-Holland, the Netherlands (the Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to Promoting friendship and goodwill between Japan and Canada through the sport of curling, and contributing to cultivation and development of curling in Japan	Curling Instructor and Promoter	Wally Ursuliak	87	Sturgeon County, Alberta, Canada (Canada)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and understanding of Japan through music between Japan and Korea	Music director of Halla Wind Ensemble	KIM Sung Teack	81	Jeju City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and friendly relations between Japan and the Czech Republic	*Photographer, Travel writer *Board member of the Czech Japan Association	Zdenek Thoma	78	Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Ikebana in Germany and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Germany	*Former President of Ikebana International, Chapter 246 Berlin *Member of the advisory committee of the German-Japanese Society Berlin	Marianne Pucks	82	Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Brazil and enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians	*Former President of Federation of Japan-Brazil Associations of Central-West Region *Former President of Japan-Brazil Cultural Society of Brasilia	Kuniyoshi Takaki Yasunaga	61	Brasilia, DF, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil.	Former President of Institute of Forestry, Secretariat for the Environment of San Paulo State Government	Guenji Yamazoe	81	São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina and the inheritance of Japanese culture in Argentina	Former President of Japanese Association of the Province of Cordoba	Santiago Higa	72	Cordoba, Prov. Cordoba, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare for Japanese and Japanese Brazilians in Brazil and promoting friendly relations and interaction between Japan and Brazil	Former President of the Institute for Japanese-Brazilian Culture in Campinas	Nituo Tsukada	86	Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare for Japanese and Japanese Brazilians in Brazil	Former President of Social Assistance of Dom Jose Gaspar	Sonoko Yoshiyasu	88	São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and promoting Japanese culture through bonsai in Lithuania	*Director, Bonsai Studio *President, Lithuanian Bonsai Association *Former technical expert, Bonsai Club International	Kestutis Ptakauskas	59	Alytus City, Lithuania (Lithuania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the expansion and improvement of private school management	*President of Hachinohe St. Ursula Gakuin *Former President of St. Ursula Gakuin *Former Principal of Shiragiku Gakuen (Present Hachinohe St. Ursula Gakuin)	Noella Marie Gaudreault	84	Hachinohe, Aomori, Japan. (Canada)

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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 Guinea (Africa)	*Adviser of the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in Japan *Spokesperson of the Japan - Guinea Friendship Association *Adviser of the Guinea - Japan Exchange Association	Ousmane Youla SANKHON	68	Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Guinea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to development of football in Japan and promoting mutual understanding in the field of sports between Japan and Brazil	*Former Special Coach of Sawayaka Soccer Clinic *Supreme Advisor of Japan Amptee Football Association(JAFA)	Sergio Echigo	71	Toyonaka, Osaka, Japan (Brazil)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the protection of Japanese nationals overseas and the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Consulting Lawyer of the Embassy of Japan in Iraq	Khalid Jerjes	68	London U.K. (Iraq)
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 Yemen	Abdullah Abdulghani Kassim Al-Kamali	60	Sana'a Sana'a, Yemen (Yemen)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Greece	Nicolaos Fasianos	62	Marousi Attika Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Fomer local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Chile	Julio Vasquez	68	Santiago, Chile (Chile)

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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 Ivory Coast *Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Burkina Faso	Siaka GOBE	60	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso)
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 Mexico	María Guadalupe Eiko Sakurai Nakagawa	63	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
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 Italy	Igino Giacchetti	67	Palombara Sabina, Lazio, Italy (Italy)
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 in Mumbai	Parmar Babubhai Chimanbhai	63	Thane, Maharashtra, India (India)
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 Sudan	Mohamed Awad	60	El Kalakila, Khartoum South, Khartoum, Sudan (Sudan)
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 in Busan	JI Yeonho	65	Busan, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)