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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	Age	Address (Nationality)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	*Former Secretary of Defense *Chancellor of the College of William & Mary	Robert M. Gates	74	Washington state, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship in the field of security between Japan and the United States	Former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs	Stephen J. Hadley	70	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship in the field of energy between Japan and the United States	*Former Secretary of Energy *Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Physics and Engineering Systems Emeritus and Special Advisor to the President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Ernest J. Moniz	72	Brookline, Massachusetts, 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 the United States	*Former Secretary of State *Former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs	Condoleezza Rice	62	Stanford, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Iran	<p>*Former Minister of Foreign affairs</p> <p>*Former Ambassador of Iran to Japan</p> <p>*Former President of Iran and Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association</p>	Manouchehr Mottaki	64	Tehran, Tehran, Iran (Iran)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United Kingdom	<p>*Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs</p> <p>*Member of the House of Lords</p>	William Hague	56	London, The United Kingdom (U.K.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	<p>*Former Minister for Foreign Affairs</p> <p>*Former Member of the House of Representatives</p>	Andrew Peacock	78	Austin, Texas, U.S.A. (Australia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Cambodia	<p>*Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance</p> <p>*Former Vice President of the Council of Development of Cambodia</p>	Keat Chhon	83	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)

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<p>Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and the United Nations Development Programme, and strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and New Zealand</p>	<p>*Former Prime Minister of New Zealand *Former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Former Chair of the United Nations Development Group)</p>	<p>Helen Clark</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Auckland, New Zealand (New Zealand)</p>
<p>Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Former Prime Minister *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development *Former Mayor of Nantes *Former Member of the National Assembly</p>	<p>Jean-Marc Ayrault</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Nantes, Loire-Atlantique, France (France)</p>
<p>Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting diplomatic and economic relations between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<p>*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Trade and Industry *Former Minister of Defense</p>	<p>Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen</p>	<p>88</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur Federal Territories Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>

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<p>Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Latvia</p>	<p>*Former Vice Prime-Minister and Minister for Defense *Former Minister for Foreign Affairs *Former Minister for Defense *Former Chairman of Saeima Group for interparliamentary relations with Japan *Member of the European Parliament</p>	<p>Artis Pabriks</p>	<p>51</p>	<p>Riga, Latvia (Latvia)</p>
<p>Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Taiwan</p>	<p>*Honorary President, Overseas Students Japanese Scholarship Association *Former Managing Partner, Formosa Transnational Attorneys at Law *Former Consulting Lawyer, Interchange Association Taipei office *Former Director, Association of East Asian Relations</p>	<p>Rai Haumin</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Taipei City, Taiwan</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japan's futures market and promoting understanding of Japan</p>	<p>*The Founder of Financial Futures and Chairman Emeritus of the CME Group *Chairman of the CME Group Strategic Steering Committee *Former Council member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum *The founder and member of Committee on Conscience at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p>	<p>Leo Melamed</p>	<p>85</p>	<p>Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japan's research and education in the field of science and technology</p>	<p>*Former CEO/President, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University *Former Member of the Establishing Committee, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University *President Emeritus, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University</p>	<p>Jonathan Dorfan</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Palo Alto, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</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 the United Arab Emirates</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Japan</p>	<p>Saeed Ali Yousef Al Nowais</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Hague, The Netherlands (UAE)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting understanding of Japan in Israel</p>	<p>*Honorary President, Israel Association of Japanese Studies *Professor Emeritus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Former Chairperson, Israel-Japan Friendship Association *Former Chair, Department of East Asian Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p>	<p>Ehud Harari</p>	<p>82</p>	<p>Tel Aviv, Israel (Israel)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia</p>	<p>*Former Rector of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University *Former Director of Graduate School of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University *Former Deputy for Social Welfare of Office of Vice-President</p>	<p>Azyumardi Azra</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Tangerang Selatan, Banten, Indonesia (Indonesia)</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 Ukraine</p>	<p>Former Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan</p>	<p>Mykhailo Dashkevych</p>	<p>77</p>	<p>Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Uganda</p>	<p>* Former Ambassador of Uganda to Japan * Former Minister of State, Office of the Vice-President * Former Minister of State for Internal Affairs</p>	<p>James Boliba Baba</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Kampala City, Uganda (Uganda)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening legislative exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Ethiopia</p>	<p>*Former President of the Ethio-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group *Former Chief Government Whip</p>	<p>Roman Gebreselassie</p>	<p>61</p>	<p>Lideta Sub-city, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Oman</p>	<p>*Chairman of the Public Authority for Investment Promotion and Export Development *Former Chairman of the Omani Center for Investment Promotion and Export Development *Former Chairman of JICA Training Almuni of Sultanate of Oman</p>	<p>Salem bin Nasser Al Ismaili</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Muscat, Muscat, Oman (Oman)</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 Gabon</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Gabon to Japan *Former doyen of the diplomatic corps in Japan</p>	<p>Jean-Christian Obame</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Libreville, Estuaire, Gabon (Gabon)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Cambodia</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Cambodia to Japan *Former Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation *Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace</p>	<p>Pou Sothirak</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)</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 Singapore</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Singapore to Japan *Former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs *Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)</p>	<p>Tan Chin Tiong</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Singapore (Singapore)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Slovakia and Japan through parliamentary exchange and Martial Arts</p>	<p>*Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of National Council of the Slovak Republic * Chairman of the Parliamentary Friendship Group with Japan of the National Council of the Slovak Republic</p>	<p>František Šebej</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Bratislava, Slovakia (Slovakia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to normalization of bilateral relations, promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and People's Republic of China</p>	<p>*Board member of the China-Japan Friendship Association *Former Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries</p>	<p>Wang Xiaoxian</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>Beijing, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Germany</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of the German-Japanese Parliamentary Friendship Group in the 17th electoral term *Member of the Lower House</p>	<p>Rolf Muetzenich</p>	<p>58</p>	<p>Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening relations through trade and maritime transportation and promoting friendship between Japan and Panama</p>	<p>*Chief Executive Officer of the Panama Canal Authority *Former Panama Canal Expansion Supervisor</p>	<p>Jorge Luis Quijano Arango</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Panama, Panama, Panama (Panama)</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 Papua New Guinea</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Japan *Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Michael Maue</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea (Papua New Guinea)</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>*Group Chairman and Founder, Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company *Chairman Emeritus, GT Capital Holdings, Inc. *Chairman, Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation *Chairman, Metrobank Foundation, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">George S.K. Ty</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">85</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)</p>
<p>The order of the Rising sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to reinforcement of the defense relationship between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Chief of the Special Military Staff of the President *Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bernard Rogel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">61</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paris, Ile de France, France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Vietnam</p>	<p>* Former Ambassador of Vietnam to Japan * Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs * Vice Chairman of Vietnam - Japan Friendship Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nguyen Phu Binh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">69</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<p>*Former Governor of Central Bank of Malaysia *Chancellor of Global University of Islamic Finance *Co-Chair of Board of Governors of Asia School of Business</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zeti Akhtar Aziz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kuala Lumpur Federal Territories, Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Mongolia to Japan *Former Director, Department of Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia</p>	<p>Sodovjamts Khurelbaatar</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Luxembourg</p>	<p>*Former Minister for National Education and Vocational Training, Culture, Religion *Former Minister for Culture, Higher Education, and Research, Public Works *Former vice-President of Promotion Cultural "Japan-Luxembourg 95"</p>	<p>Erna Hennicot-Schoepges</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Walferdange commune, Luxembourg district, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Europe and understanding of Japan in Europe</p>	<p>*Vice President of the European Parliament *Member of the European Parliament *Former Vice Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament *Former Minister of National Defence of Romania</p>	<p>Ioan Mircea Paşcu</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Bucharest, Romania (Romania)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting space science in Japan and strengthening relations between Japan and US in the field of space science</p>	<p>* Former astronaut * Former Montana State University Research Professor</p>	<p>Loren Wilber Acton</p>	<p>81</p>	<p>Bozeman, Montana, U.S.A. (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing medical education and medical care in Japan</p>	<p>*Vice Dean, University of Hawaii School of Medicine *Emeritus Professor of Public Health, University of Hawaii School of Medicine</p>	<p>Satoru Izutsu</p>	<p>89</p>	<p>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 study of the Japanese economic policy and promoting understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Professor, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago *Research Associate, the National Bureau of Economic Research</p>	<p>Anil K. Kashyap</p>	<p>57</p>	<p>Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting interactions among Japanese and U.S. legal professionals and enhancing the understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Professor of Law, New York University School of Law *Faculty Director of U.S.-Asia Law Institute, New York University</p>	<p>Jerome Alan Cohen</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>New York, New York, 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 promoting research exchange in the biomedical field between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Deputy Director for Intramural Research of National Institutes of Health (NIH)</p>	<p>Michael M. Gottesman</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Montgomery, Maryland, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Director for Intelligence, U.S. Forces Japan *Retired United States Navy Captain</p>	<p>Jerry L. Jacobson</p>	<p>56</p>	<p>Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting Japanese culture in the United States</p>	<p>*Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology, Harvard University *Director, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University *Former President, Association for Asian Studies *Former Chair, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University</p>	<p>Theodore C. Bestor</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Cambridge, Massachusetts, 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 enhancing the social status of Japanese Americans in the United States</p>	<p>*Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Boston *Director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston</p>	<p>Paul Y. Watanabe</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>South Weymouth, Massachusetts, U.S.A (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting analysis of Japanese economic and financial policies and education-related initiatives</p>	<p>Professor at the University of Chicago</p>	<p>Raaj Kumar Sah</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A (U.S.A)</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</p>	<p>* Former President, University Darma Persada</p>	<p>Oloan Pardomuan Siahaan</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>South Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting understanding of Japan in the United Kingdom</p>	<p>*Former Head of East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge *Former President of the European Association for Japanese Studies *Emeritus Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Cambridge</p>	<p>Peter Francis Kornicki</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>London, The United Kingdom (U.K.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia</p>	<p>*Former President of National Federation of Australia Japan Societies *Former President of Australia Japan Society Queensland</p>	<p>Ross Humphreys</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Grange, Queensland, Australia (Australia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese studies and enhancing understanding of Japan in the Netherlands</p>	<p>*Professor Emeritus of the Erasmus University Rotterdam *Professor Emeritus of the University of Twente</p>	<p>Johannes Adrianus Stam</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Gouda, Zuid-Holland, The Netherlands (The Netherlands)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Ghana</p>	<p>Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana</p>	<p>Ebenezer Oduro Owusu</p>	<p>56</p>	<p>Accra, Ghana (Ghana)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Colombia</p>	<p>*Former Colombia's Banking and Insurance Companies Superintendent *General advisor for The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd., Bogota Representative Office *Member of the Board of Directors of the Colombian-Japanese Industry and Trade Chamber</p>	<p>Cristian Mosquera</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Bogota, Colombia (Colombia)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Switzerland	President of the Swiss-Japanese Society	Heribert Nikolaus Haag	70	Uerikon, Zurich, Switzerland (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Sweden	*Chairman of the Sweden-Japan Parliamentarian Association *Member of the Swedish Parliament	Lena Asplund	61	Sollefteå, Västernorrlands län, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Sri Lanka	Former President of Sri Lanka-Japan Business Co-operation Committee	Das Wijeratne	80	Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
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	Frederick Medis	90	Nugegoda, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Republic of Korea</p>	<p>*Former Executive Director of Korea-Japan Cooperation Foundation for Industry and Technology *Former Executive Vice Chairman of Korea-Japan Economic Association *Emeritus Professor, Department of Internatinal Economics and Law at HanKuk University of Foreign Studies</p>	<p>Chong Yun Rhee</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>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 Japanese culture and language in Chile</p>	<p>*Former Dean of the Fuculty of Engineering of La Serena University *President of La Serena University</p>	<p>Nibaldo Bernardo Avilés Pizarro</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>La Serena, Coquinbo Region, Chile (Chile)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to the research, introduction and promotion of the Japanese food culture in and out of Denmark</p>	<p>*Professor, University of South Denmark *Japanese Cuisine Goodwill Ambassador 2016</p>	<p>Ole G. Mouritsen</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Odense, Region of Southern Denmark, Denmark (Denmark)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and strengthening economic relations between Japan and Germany</p>	<p>*Former State Secretary of Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs *Former State Secretary of Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Industry of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia</p>	<p>Günther Horzetzky</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Cologne, North Rhein- Westphalia, Germany (Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Turkey</p>	<p>*Founder and Honorary Chairman of Tekfen Holding *Chairman of Ali Nihat Gökyiğit Foundation *Former Board of Directors of TUSIAD *Former Board of Directors of DEİK</p>	<p>Ali Nihat Gökyiğit</p>	<p>92</p>	<p>İstanbul, Turkey (Turkey)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Turkey</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of Turkish-Japanese Business Council of DEİK (Chairman of Japan-Turkey Joint Economic Committee) *Former Board of Directors of TÜSİAD(Turkish Industry and Business Association) *Former Global CEO of KORDSA *Former President, Industry Strategic Business Unit, Sabancı Holding</p>	<p>Mehmet Nurettin Pekarun</p>	<p>48</p>	<p>Amsterdam, Netherlands (Turkey, U.S.A)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Nicaragua</p>	<p>* President of the Nicaragua Friends of Japan Association * Former Director-General of the Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Nicaragua</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Roger Guillermo Arteaga Cano</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">71</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Managua, Managua, Nicaragua (Nicaragua)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan</p>	<p>*Honorary Consul General of Japan in Lahore *President of Atlas Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aamir Hussain Shirazi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">54</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan (Pakistan)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and strengthening economic exchange between Japan and Finland</p>	<p>* Former Chairman of the Finnish-Japanese Chamber of Commerce * Former Vice President, Network Strategy & Planning, Finnair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Petteri Kostermä</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">67</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Helsinki, Finland (Finland)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former Special Assistant to the Director of Department of Engineer and Construction *Former Vice director of Department of Engineer and Construction *Former Army Lieutenant General *Secretary-General of POUPEX (POUPEX : Saving & Loan Association)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paulo Kazunori Komatsu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil (Brazil)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges in the field of architecture and friendly relations between Japan and Poland</p>	<p>*Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Krakow *Bord member of Kyoto-Krakow Foundation *Professor of the AFM Krakow University</p>	<p>Krzysztof Ingarden</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Krakow, Poland (Poland)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Madagascar</p>	<p>*Former President of the Madagascar Association of Alumni and Friends of Japan *Former Mayor of Ambohimanga Rova</p>	<p>Alexis Dédé Razafindratsira</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Ambohimanga Rova, Madagascar (Madagascar)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Mauritius</p>	<p>*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan *Former President of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p>	<p>Anil Currimjee</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>Port Louis, Mauritius (Mauritius)</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 Lithuania</p>	<p>*Former Chair of the Group for Interparliamentary Relations with Japan *Former Member of the Parliament</p>	<p>Dangute Mikutiene</p>	<p>52</p>	<p>Trakai, Lithuania (Lithuania)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Russia and promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>*Former Head, Professor of the Japanese Department, Far Eastern State University *Former Head, Professor of Japanese Studies of the School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University *Professor of Japanese Studies of the School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University</p>	<p>Aleksandr Shnyrko</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Vladivostok Primorsky Region, Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>*President of the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations *Former Director of the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations *Former Advisor to the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation</p>	<p>Alexander Alexandrovich Dynkin</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 strengthening relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Taiwan</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of Giant Mfg.Co.,LTD *Chairman of Cycling Lifestyle Foundation</p>	<p>Liu Chinpiao</p>	<p>83</p>	<p>Taichung City, Taiwan</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Americans in the United States</p>	<p>*Former Professor of American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington *Professor Emeritus, University of Washington</p>	<p>Tetsuden Kashima</p>	<p>77</p>	<p>Mercer Island, Washington, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japan's diplomatic efforts in the United Nations Security Council</p>	<p>*Former Chief, Security Council Secretariat Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations *Author and Consultant, United Nations Security Council Procedures and Working Methods</p>	<p>Loraine Sievers</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Connecticut, 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 United States</p>	<p>*Chair of Japan/America Society of Kentucky</p>	<p>Robert Brown</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Louisville, Kentucky, 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 friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital Corporation of America *Co-Chair Emeritus of the Advisory Council of the Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival *Former Chairman of the Southeast U.S./Japan Association</p>	<p>Jack O. Bovender, Jr.</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening relations in the field of economic and scientific technology and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Director, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii *Former President & CEO, PICHTR *Chairman & President, Island Insurance</p>	<p>Colbert Masayuki Matsumoto</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting Japanese culture in Argentina</p>	<p>*Head of the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of International Relations, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, National University of La Plata *Director of the Historical Archive of the Japanese Association in the Argentina</p>	<p>María Cecilia Onaha</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing economic relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>Secretary General of the Argentina -Japan Business Co-operation Committee</p>	<p>Jorge Enrique Revello</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>*Former Professor of Oriental wash drawing (Sumi-e) at National Art University Institute "Ernesto de la Carcova" *Former Professor of Haiku at Nichia Gakuin *Professor of Sumi-e and Haiku at Japanese Association of Seibu</p>	<p>Liria Miyakawa</p>	<p>84</p>	<p>Bella Vista, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</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 Italy</p>	<p>Novelist, Playwright</p>	<p>Dacia Paola Maraini</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Roma, Lazio, Italy (Italy)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Ukraine and academic exchanges between Japan and Ukraine</p>	<p>*Professor, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy *Professor, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University</p>	<p>Volodymyr Rezanenko</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting and developing Japanese Garden Culture in the United Kingdom</p>	<p>*Chairman of the Japanese Garden Society</p>	<p>Robert Ketchell</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Tiverton, Devon, The United Kingdom (U.K.)</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 the United Kingdom</p>	<p>*Former Head of Department of Music, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London *Former Chairman of Centre of Music Studies, SOAS, University of London</p>	<p>David W. Hughes</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>London, The United Kingdom (U.K. / U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and Kazakhstan in the field of nuclear-nonproliferation</p>	<p>Representative of the anti-nuclear movement in Kazakhstan “Nevada Semipalatinsk”</p>	<p>Olzhas Suleimenov</p>	<p>81</p>	<p>Almaty, Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic and cultural exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Thailand</p>	<p>*Former President of Old-Japan Students’ Association of Kingdom of Thailand, Northern Region Office *Senior staff, School of Medicine, Mae Fah Luang University</p>	<p>Chucheep Praputpittaya</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Mae Rim, Chiang Mai, Thailand (Thailand)</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 Republic of Korea</p>	<p>*Former President of Korea-Japan Cultural Exchange Association *President of Chado Urasenke Tankokai Pusan Association</p>	<p>Park Myeong Heum</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Busan, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding through art between Japan and the Czech Republic</p>	<p>*Former Chairperson of the Czech Japanese Association *Art Director of the Gallery of Art Critics</p>	<p>Vlasta Cihakova Noshiro</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Germany</p>	<p>*Former President of IUDICIUM Verlag GmbH *Adviser of IUDICIUM Verlag GmbH</p>	<p>Peter K. Kapitza</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Munich, Bavaria, Germany (Germany)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago, and promoting the advance of Japanese companies</p>	<p>President and Group CEO of Massy Holdings</p>	<p>Elliot Gervase Warner</p>	<p>52</p>	<p>Diego Martin, Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago)</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 Pakistan</p>	<p>*Chairperson, Gandhara University *President of Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</p>	<p>Roeda Kabir</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (Pakistan)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and exchange between Japan and the Philippines</p>	<p>*President of Nihongo Center Foundation, Inc. *President of Samahan Ng Mga Pilipinong Nag-Aral At Nanirahan Sa Nippon *Former President of Philippine Federation of Japan Alumni</p>	<p>Philip B. Sanvictores</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and France and to strengthening solidarity among Nikkeijin in New-Caledonia</p>	<p>President of the "Amicale Japonaise" in New-Caledonia</p>	<p>Rose-Mary Take</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Nouméa, New-Caledonia, France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in France</p>	<p>*President of the Association of "Maison de Kiso" *Former Researcher of the National Center for Scientific Research *Former Director of Japan programme of the Foundation House of Human Sciences</p>	<p>Jane Cobbi</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Paris, Ile de France, France (France)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Belgium</p>	<p>*Vice President and Director of the Belgium-Japan Association and Chamber of Commerce (BJA) *Former Chair of the Legal & Tax Committee, Belgium-Japan Association and Chamber of Commerce (BJA)</p>	<p>Tanguy Van Overstraeten</p>	<p>53</p>	<p>Lasne, Belgium (Belgium)</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 Malaysia</p>	<p>*Former President of Japan Graduates' Association of Malaysia (JAGAM) *Former Chairman of ASJA International *Royal Surgeon for Sultan of Johor *School Doctor for the Japanese School Johor</p>	<p>Kuang Ling Siow</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing and developing Japanese-style education in Mongolia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia</p>	<p>President of Shine Mongol Academy</p>	<p>Janchiv Galbadrakh</p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and Japanese language education in Russia</p>	<p>*President and Councilor of the Ekaterinburg Branch of the Russia-Japan Society *Former Director of the Information cultural center “Japan”</p>	<p>Marina Rdolfovna Goromidova</p>	<p>56</p>	<p>Ekaterinburg, Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic researches of Japan and tea ceremony in Russia</p>	<p>*Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow State University, Department of Japanese Philology *Chairman, Urasenke Tankokai Moscow Association</p>	<p>Viktor Petrovich Mazurik</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Moscow, Russia (Russia)</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 Taiwan</p>	<p>*Deputy Chair of the Board Taiwan Koza Taiwan-Japan Association *Former member of the Board Taiwan-Japan Cultural and Economic Association</p>	<p>Ka Shun Ju</p>	<p>88</p>	<p>Taichun, Taiwan</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing and disseminating Japanese Arts and promoting understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Former Curator of Oriental Art of New Orleans Museum of Art *Senior Curator, Curator of Asian Art of Birmingham Museum of Art</p>	<p>Donald Alan Wood</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Co-Chair, San Francisco Osaka Sister City Association</p>	<p>Allen Okamoto</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>San Francisco, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of the Japanese American community in the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former President of Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California</p>	<p>Kitty Sankey</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States and enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Americans</p>	<p>*Chair of the Northern California Cherry Blossom Queen Program *Former Executive Director of the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival</p>	<p>Benh Koreyoshi Nakajo</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>San Francisco, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan through Ikebana in the United States</p>	<p>*Adviser, Ikebana International, New York Chapter *Former President of Ikebana International, New York Chapter</p>	<p>Judith Setsuko Hata</p>	<p>92</p>	<p>Palisades, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Americans in the United States</p>	<p>*Former President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Colorado *Former Board Member of Japanese American National Museum *Former Judge of Denver City and County</p>	<p>Kerry Steven Hada</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</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 the United States</p>	<p>*Former President of Tachikawa San Bernardino Sister City Committee *Former President of San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society *Vice President of the Board of Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego</p>	<p>Thelma Press</p>	<p>90</p>	<p>San Diego, California, U.S.A (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to developing sports in Japan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Professional Wrestler</p>	<p>Richard John Beyer</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>Akron, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese-Americans and promoting understanding of Japan</p>	<p>*Former President of the Chicago Japanese American Council *President of the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society *Board Member of Heiwa Terrace</p>	<p>Jean M. Mishima</p>	<p>81</p>	<p>Glenview, Illinois, U.S.A (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting people-to-people exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Director, Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education</p>	<p>Gary Mukai</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>San Jose, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to developing and promoting Japanese garden culture in the United States</p>	<p>Former President of the Board, Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens</p>	<p>Donald Takeshi Yoshino</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Boca Raton, Florida, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting sports exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Algeria</p>	<p>*Former President of African Union of Gymnastics *Director of the Algerian Olympic Museum</p>	<p>Mohamed Yamani</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>Algiers, Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)</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 Argentina</p>	<p>*Former President of Federation of Asociation Nikkei in Argentina *Former President of Japanese Association in Argentina</p>	<p>Julia Nakama</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>San Miguel, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Italy	*Honorary President of Fuji Cultural Association *Former President of Fuji Cultural Association	Rosario Manisera	70	Brescia, Lombardia, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to implementation of the education of Japanese children in Indonesia	* Former member of the International Boy Scouts	Widianti Kusno Utomo	95	Central Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Scotland through Ikebana	*Former President of Edinburgh Chapter of Ikebana International	Deborah Christian Hathorn	69	Edinburgh U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Estonia	Head of board, NPO "OTAKU"	Artur Veeber	51	Tallinn, Estonia (Estonia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting and developing Bonsai in Austria	Director of Bonsai Museum	Günther Paul Klösch	60	Seeboden am Millstätter See, Carinthia, Austria (Austria)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and understanding of Japan in Canada</p>	<p>President of Calgary Japanese Language School</p>	<p>Tetsuo Yoshida</p>	<p>82</p>	<p>Calgary, Alberta (Canada)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and enhancing economic relations between Japan and People's Republic of China</p>	<p>*Former President of Dalian China- Japan Friendship Association of Scholars *Honorary President of Dalian China- Japan Friendship Association of Scholars</p>	<p>Guo Yongtian</p>	<p>92</p>	<p>Dalian, Liaoning, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to popularization of Japanese food in People's Republic of China</p>	<p>Chairman of Four Seas Group</p>	<p>Tai Tak Fung, Stephen</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting architectural and cultural exchanges between Japan and Denmark</p>	<p>*Architect *Researcher on the Ise Jingu Shrine *Vice Chairman of Denmark-Japan Society</p>	<p>Svend M. Hvass</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Copenhagen, Region of Zealand, Denmark (Denmark)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship through music between Japan and Hungary</p>	<p>* Director and Conductor of the Cantemus Choral Institute * Member of the Hungarian Academy of Arts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Szabó Dénes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nyíregyháza, Hungary (Hungary)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil and enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians</p>	<p>*Former President of Cultural and Sport Association of Londrina *Former Director of the Department of the Itinerary Clinic of Cultural Alliance Brazil-Japan of Paraná (Supervisor of JICA Project)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Ogata</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">88</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Londrina, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting and developing Japanese culture through Ikebana in Brazil</p>	<p>President of Ikebana Sogetsu Brasilia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zilá Teresinha da Costa Raymundo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">67</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing and disseminating Japanese culture through calligraphy and painting, and promoting understanding of Japan in France</p>	<p>Artist, Japanese calligraphy and painting Master</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maire Claude Jeanpierre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">75</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Obernai, France (France)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting human exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and France	Director of Tsuji Culinary School	Pierre Beal	56	Lyon, Rhone, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese art in Poland and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	*Curator of Japanese Art Collection, Collection of Oriental Art, The National Museum in Warsaw	Anna Katarzyna Maleszko	61	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Director of Novosibirsk Municipal Cultural Center "Siberia-Hokkaido"	Aleksandr Viktorovich Spiridonov	66	Novosibirsk, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to preserving history of Japanese internees in Uzbekistan and maintaining Japanese cemetery	Gravekeeper of Japanese cemetery "Fazilov Ota" in Yakkasaray district, Tashkent city	Mirokil Fazirov	74	Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and promoting Japanese culture through Ikebana in Panama	Master Instructor of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana	Analia Arango de Quijano	84	Panama, Panama, Panama (Panama)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former President of the Association for Japanese-Brazilian Culture of Anapolis *Former President of the Association for Japanese-Brazilian Culture Recreation and Sports of Presidente Epitacio</p>	<p>Kazuo Takenobu</p>	<p>90</p>	<p>Anapolis, Goias, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Brazil and enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians</p>	<p>*Presidential Advisor of Yakult S/A IND. E COM. (Brazil) *Former Commercial Executive Director of Yakult S/A IND. E COM. (Brazil)</p>	<p>Fernando Hisano</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Bulgaria</p>	<p>*Artistic Director and Choreographer of Kazanlak Folk Dance Ensemble "Arsenal" *Director of House of Culture "Arsenal" *Managing Director of Association for Friendship Kazanlak-Japan</p>	<p>Hristo Stoyanov Karastoyanov</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Kazanlak, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria (Bulgaria)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Go society in Japan and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Taiwan</p>	<p>*Professional Go Player *Founder of Haifong Weiqi Academy *Director of Chinese Professional Go Association</p>	<p>Lin Hai-fong</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding in the field of the national security between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former Political Adviser and Interpreter Japan Liaison Office Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan</p>	<p>John Peter Niemeyer</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introduction and diffusion of Japanese culture by explaining Sumo in English</p>	<p>*NHK Sumo English commentator *English reviewer at the House of Representatives, House of Councilors and the National Diet Library *Former English reviewer at the Foreign Press Centre</p>	<p>Simmons Doreen</p>	<p>85</p>	<p>Tokyo, Japan (U.K.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Israel</p>	<p>Anette Goldstein</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Petah Tikva, Israel (Israel)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>Former Local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Ecuador</p>	<p>Luis Francisco Teran Montesdeoca</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Quito, Ecuador (Ecuador)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America</p>	<p>Humayun Pervez</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A. and Pakistan)</p>

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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 Republic of Korea	Lee Yong Geun	70	Jeju, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
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 People's Republic of China	Wang Zhengxiao	60	Beijing, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)
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 Shanghai	Qi Liansuo	63	Shanghai city, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)
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<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan in Shanghai</p>	<p>Li Hong</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Shanghai city, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Nicaragua</p>	<p>Francisco Bosco Fonseca Lugo</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Managua, Managua, Nicaragua (Nicaragua)</p>