

2018 Spring Conferment of Decoration on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	Age	Address (Nationality)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Secretary of State *Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations *Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group	Madeleine Korbel Albright	80	Washington, District of Columbia, 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	*Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations *United States Senator	Robert Phillips Corker Jr.	65	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 trade between Japan and the United States	President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Thomas J. Donohue	79	Arlington, Virginia, 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 Deputy Secretary of State *President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	William J. Burns	62	Washington, District of Columbia, 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 the United States	*Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Armed Services *United States Senator	John Sidney McCain III	81	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding as well as strengthening economic relations between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Japan *Former Member of the Board, Eisai Co Ltd *Former Member of the Governing Body, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	Graham Holbrook Fry	68	St Neots, Cambridgeshire, The United Kingdom (U.K.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to ensuring stable supply of oil to Japan and developing economic relations between Japan and Saudi Arabia	*Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources *Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Arabian Oil Company	Khalid A. Al-Falih	59	Riyadh, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Samoa	*Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade *Former Minister of Finance	Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi	73	Apia, Samoa (Samoa)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Serbia	*Fomer Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Ambassador of Serbia to Japan	Ivan Mrkic	64	Belgrade, Serbia (Serbia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and developing friendship between Japan and the Republic of Korea	*Chairman, Korea-Japan Economic Association *Chairman, Korea-Japan Cooperation Foundation for Industry and Technology *Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Samyang Holdings Corporation	Yoon Kim	65	Seoul City, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and France	*Honorary Governor of the Banque de France *Former Governor of the Banque de France *Former President of the European Central Bank *Former Chairman of the Paris Club	Jean-Claude Trichet	75	Paris, Ile de France, France (France)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting economic relations between Japan and Malaysia	*Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs *Former Minister of Primary Industries *Former Minister of Education	Musa Hitam	84	Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territories, Malaysia (Malaysia)

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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 the United States</p>	<p>Former Governor of the State of Tennessee</p>	<p>Don Sundquist</p>	<p>82</p>	<p>Tounsend, Tennessee, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening nuclear cooperation between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Deputy Secretary of Energy *Former Chairman of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee *Former Executive Secretary of the National Security Council *Chairman, Washington Policy & Analysis, Inc.</p>	<p>William Flynn Martin</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Havre de Grace, Maryland, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Albania and promoting Japanese language education</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Albania to Japan *Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Tirana *Professor, Polytecnic University of Tirana</p>	<p>Bujar Dida</p>	<p>56</p>	<p>Tirana, Albania (Albania)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the United Kingdom as well as promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom</p>	<p>*Novelist *Nobel Laureate in Literature 2017</p>	<p>Kazuo Ishiguro</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>London, The United Kingdom (U.K.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting political, economic and cultural relations between Japan and Egypt</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Egypt to Japan *Former Assistant Minister of Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands *Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the National Council for Human Rights *Member of Group of Eminent Persons for Substantive Advancement of Nuclear Disarmament</p>	<p>Mahmoud Karem Mahmoud Mohamed</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Cairo, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to developing economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Oman</p>	<p>*Board Chairman, Oman Japan Friendship Association *Chairman, Saud Bahwan Group</p>	<p>Sheikh Mohammed bin Saud bin Salim Bahwan</p>	<p>52</p>	<p>Shati Al Qurm, Muscat, Oman (Oman)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary relations and friendship between Japan and Canada</p>	<p>*Former Co-chair of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group *Former Member of the House of Commons</p>	<p>Mike Wallace</p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Burlington, Ontario, Canada (Canada)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Cambodia</p>	<p>*Former Deputy Prime Minister *High Privy Councilor of His Majesty the King of Cambodia</p>	<p>Keo Puth Reasmey</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to developing human exchanges, economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Cuba</p>	<p>*Former President of the Cuba-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League *Former Member of the National Assembly of People's Power *Former President of BioCubaFarma *Former General Director of National Center for Scientific Investigations</p>	<p>Carlos Manuel Gutiérrez Calzado</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Havana, Cuba (Cuba)</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 Spain</p>	<p>*Chairman, Spain-Japan Business Cooperation Committee *Chairman & CEO of ACCIONA</p>	<p>José Manuel Entrecanales Domecq</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>Madrid, Madrid, Spain (Spain)</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 Turkey</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Turkey to Japan *Former Honorary President of the Japan-Turkey Society</p>	<p>Selim Sermet Atacanli</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)</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 Bahrain</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Bahrain to Japan *Former Minister of Health *Former President of Bahrain Medical Association</p>	<p>Khalil Ebrahim Hassan Ras Romani</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>North Sehla, Bahrain (Bahrain)</p>
<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>*Chairman Emeritus of Ayala Corporation *Former Chairman and President of Ayala Corporation</p>	<p>Jaime Zobel de Ayala</p>	<p>83</p>	<p>Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and France</p>	<p>*President of the France-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Senate *Deputy Speaker of the Senate</p>	<p>David Assouline</p>	<p>58</p>	<p>Paris, Ile de France, France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening the relationship in the field of Science and Technology between Japan and France</p>	<p>*Former President of the French National Center for Scientific Research *Council Member of STS Forum(NPO) *Former Co-chair of Global Summit of Research Institute Leaders *President of PSL University</p>	<p>Alain Fuchs</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Paris, Ile de France, France (France)</p>

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<p>The Orde of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brunei</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Brunei to Japan *Former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade *Former President, Brunei Japan Friendship Association</p>	<p>Dato Paduka Mohd Adnan Bin Buntar</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Kg Bunut, Brunei (Brunei)</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 Chief Cabinet Secretary *Former Secretary General of Ministry of International Trade and Industry *Chairman of PETRONAS</p>	<p>Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territories, Malaysia (Malaysia)</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 Mongolia</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of Mongolia to Japan *Former Minister of Mining *Former President of JUGAMO Association *Vice President of Mongolia-Japan Partnership Association</p>	<p>Rentsendoo Jigjid</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)</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 Lao PDR</p>	<p>*Former President of the Lao-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group *Chairperson of Cultural and Social Affairs Committee of National Assembly</p>	<p>Somphou Douangsavanh</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Vientiane, Lao PDR (Lao PDR)</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 Taiwan</p>	<p>*Former Chairperson of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office *Chairman of CTBT Financial Management College</p>	<p>Chi-tai Feng</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Taipei, Taiwan</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 Taiwan</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of the Association of East Asian Relations *Senior Advisor for Administration of CTBT Holding</p>	<p>Liao Liou-yi</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Taichung City, Taiwan</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and strengthening relations between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former Department of Defense Official</p>	<p>Joseph G. Obermeier</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Ruther Glen, 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 in the United States and promoting academic exchange between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Professor Emeritus, University of California, San Diego *Former Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego</p>	<p>Ellis S. Krauss</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Encinitas, California, 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 strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense</p>	<p>Department of Defense Official</p>	<p>Robert J. "Cris" Crispino</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Maryland, 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 literary studies in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Professor, Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages, Brigham Young University *Former Dean, College of Humanities, Brigham Young University</p>	<p>Van Craig Gessel</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Orem, Utah, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the United States and strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense</p>	<p>*Former Director of Japan, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy *Former Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State</p>	<p>Robin H. Sakoda</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Arlington, 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 promoting understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Professor in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University *Professor in the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University *Former Director of the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University</p>	<p>Helen Hardacre</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense</p>	<p>*Former Director for Intelligence, U.S. Forces Japan *Department of Defense Official</p>	<p>Stewart W. Holbrook</p>	<p>55</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 securing stable energy supply to Japan and strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates</p>	<p>*Former Chief Executive Officer at Abu Dhabi National Oil Company *Chairman of Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation</p>	<p>Abdulla Nasser Alsuwaidi</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)</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 Israel</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of the Israel-Japan Friendship Parliamentary League *Former Chairman of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Ehud Rassabi</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Tel Aviv, Israel (Israel)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting the development of Japan's architectural world and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy through architecture</p>	<p>*Architect *Senator for Life *Chairman&Founding Partner, Renzo Piano Building Workshop (RPBW)</p>	<p>Renzo Piano</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Paris, Ile de France, France (Italy)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India</p>	<p>*Former Chief Mentor of Confederation of Indian Industry *Founding Trustee of Ananta Aspen Centre *Chairman of Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation</p>	<p>Tarun Das</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>Gurgaon, Haryana, India (India)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchange in the field of dentistry between Japan and Uruguay</p>	<p>*Professor and Chairman of the Postgraduate Department of Gerodontology, Faculty of Dentistry, University of the Republic *Former President of International Society of Functional Removable Prosthodontics and Piezography</p>	<p>Susumu Nisizaki</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Montevideo, Uruguay (Uruguay)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and exchanges between Japan and the United Kingdom</p>	<p>Former Honorary Consul of Japan in Manchester</p>	<p>Peter Heginbotham</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Stockport, 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 defense cooperation between Japan and Australia</p>	<p>Former Defense Attaché of the Embassy of Australia to Japan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John Harwood</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">57</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canberra, ACT, Australia (Australia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Kazakhstan and understanding of the issue of Japanese internees</p>	<p>*Former Rector of "Bolashak" University *Member of Mazhilis (the Lower House) of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan *Member of Kazakhstan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League of Mazhilis (the Lower House) of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nurlan Dulatbekov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">55</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Astana, Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Sweden</p>	<p>*Honorary Consul General of Japan in Malmö *Director of the Board of Sweden Japan Foundation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leif Almö</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">74</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vellinge, Sweden (Sweden)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to improving and developing classical music culture in Japan</p>	<p>Honorary Conductor Laureate of NHK Symphony Orchestra Tokyo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Herbert Blomstedt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">90</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luzern, Switzerland (Sweden)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and enhancing the relations in the field of medicine between Japan and Sri Lanka</p>	<p>*Co-Chairperson, Committee of Japan Sri Lanka Friendship Cultural Fund Awards *Former Professor of Faculty of Medicine (Physiology), University of Colombo *Emeritus Professor, University of Colombo *Emeritus Professor, University of Kelaniya</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carlo Fonseka</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">85</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ethul Kotte, Kotte, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Thailand and promoting the infrastructure export from Japan</p>	<p>*Chairman of the Executive Board and Director, CH. Karnchang Public Company Limited *Former President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, CH. Karnchang Public Company Limited *Chairman of the Board and Director, CH. Karnchang Tokyu Construction Co., Ltd. *Former Managing Director, CH. Karnchang Tokyu Construction Co., Ltd. *Chairman of the Executive Board and Director, Bangkok Expressway & Metro Public Company Limited</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plew Trivisvavet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">72</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchange between Japan and Germany</p>	<p>*Emeritus professor of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cologne *Former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cologne *Member of JaDe Foundation</p>	<p>Hanns Prütting</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Bedburg, North Rhine- Westphalia, Germany (Germany)</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 strengthening economic relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Deputy-Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance (Brazil) - In charge of International Affairs *Former Deputy-Governor, Central Bank of Brazil *Deputy General Manager, Bank for International Settlements</p>	<p>Luiz Awazu Pereira da Silva</p>	<p>61</p>	<p>Basel, Switzerland (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>* Former State Secretary for Economic Development of Minas Gerais * Former President of USIMINAS (Brazil) * Former President of CST (Brazil) * Former President of CVRD (Brazil) * Honorary Consul General of Japan in Belo Horizonte</p>	<p>Wilson Nélio Brumer</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Nova Lima, Minas Geras, Brazil (Brazil)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing studies on international law in Japan</p>	<p>*Emeritus Professor, University Paris Nanterre *Professor, Institute of Political Studies, Paris *Former Member of International Law Commission of the United Nations *Former Counsel and Advocate for Japan in the case of International Court of Justice concerning Whaling in the Antarctic</p>	<p>Alain Pellet</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Paris, Ile de France, France (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Peru</p>	<p>President of Peru - Japan Business Committee (CEPEJA- Peru)</p>	<p>Luis Guillermo Vega Monteferri</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>Lima, Peru (Peru)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and enhancing economic exchanges between Japan and Morocco</p>	<p>President of Morocco-Japan Friendship Association</p>	<p>Abdellatif Guerraoui</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Casablanca, Morocco (Morocco)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Mongolian language education in Japan and academic exchanges between Japan and Mongolia</p>	<p>*Former Vice President of Mongolian National University of Education *Former President of Mongolian Research Center, National University of Mongolia *Former President of Research Institute for Linguistics, Mongolian Academy of Sciences</p>	<p>Domii Tumurtogoo</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>*Member of the Council of the Federation *Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group for Relations with Parliament of Japan, the Council of the Federation</p>	<p>Victor Ozerov</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Moscow, Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchange and medical cooperation between Japan and Russia</p>	<p>General Director of Dmitry Rogachev National Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Immunology</p>	<p>Aleksandr Grigorevich Rumyantsev</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Moscow, Russia (Russia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese language education in Taiwan and promoting exchanges between Japan and Taiwan</p>	<p>*Chairman, WEGO Foundation *Chairman, Taipei Wego Private Elementary School and Private Senior High School *Supervisor, Chinese East Asia Economic Association</p>	<p>Lee Chwan-hong</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Taipei, Taiwan</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Co-President of The New England Japanese American Citizens League *Professor of Political Science, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and Institute for Data, Systems and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p>	<p>Kenneth A. Oye</p>	<p>68</p>	<p>Cambridge, Massachusetts, 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>Former Executive Director of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor</p>	<p>Kenneth H. DeHoff, Jr.</p>	<p>69</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 promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States through baseball</p>	<p>Former Field Manager of Chiba Lotte Marines</p>	<p>Robert John Valentine</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the United States and educational exchange between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Director of the East Asia Resource Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington *Former Chair of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington</p>	<p>Mary Hammond Bernson</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Seattle, 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 enhancing the social status of Japanese-Americans and promoting understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>Fomer Midwest Director, Japanese American Citizens League</p>	<p>William Yoshino</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Chicago, Illinois, 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 understanding of Japan in the United States</p>	<p>*Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University *Former Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Northwestern University</p>	<p>Phyllis Lyons</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese language education in Argentina and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>*Executive Director, Nichia Gakuin *Director, Nichia Gakuin Cultural Center</p>	<p>Mitsui Fukuhara Delia</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic and cultural exchange between Japan and Iran</p>	<p>*Former President of Monbukagakusho Alumni Center *Former Cultural, Scientific and Technological Counsellor of the Embassy of Iran in Japan *Professor of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology</p>	<p>Reza Yousefi</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Tehran, Tehran, Iran (Iran)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing haiku poetry in the United Kingdom and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom</p>	<p>*Poet, Author *Emeritus Professor at the University of Aberdeen *Edinburgh Makar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alan Spence</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">70</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Edinburgh, The United Kingdom (U.K.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to improving Japan's international standing and the welfare of children</p>	<p>*Former Ambassador of the Japan Committee for UNICEF *UNICEF Regional Ambassador for East Asia and Pacific Region *Singer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chan Mi Ling Agnes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">62</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hong Kong, People's Republic of China (U.K.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and cultural exchanges between Japan and France</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singer, Actress</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jane Mallory Birkin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">71</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paris, Ile de France, France (U.K.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japanese art in Australia, fostering both Japanese and Australian artists, and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Australia</p>	<p>*Patron of Asialink *Former President of The Myer Foundation *Former Deputy Chairman of the Australia-Japan Foundation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sidney Baillieu Myer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">92</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Toorak, Victoria, Australia (Australia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting Japanese culture in Canada</p>	<p>*Professor, Department of Humanities (Literature), York University *Member of Canada-Japan Society (First Chair)</p>	<p>Theodore William Goossen</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada/U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Canada</p>	<p>*Director of the International Kendo Federation *President of the Canadian Kendo Federation</p>	<p>Christian D'Orangeville</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Canada/France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in Croatia and regional exchange between Japan and Croatia</p>	<p>*Mayor of Biograd na Moru *Vice President of Mayors for Peace</p>	<p>Ivan Knez</p>	<p>53</p>	<p>Biograd na Moru, Croatia (Croatia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening trade relations between Japan and Colombia, and to developing Japanese language education and Japanese studies in Colombia</p>	<p>*Former Director of the PROEXPO of Colombia in Japan (First Director) *Former Sub Section Chief of the Charge of Bilateral Relations of the Pacific Basin, the Ministry of International Trade of Colombia *Former Director of the Asia Pacific Center of the Externado University *Former Commerce Counsellor of Colombia to Japan</p>	<p>Fernando Barbosa</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Bogota, Colombia, (Colombia)</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 Sweden</p>	<p>*Secretary General of Sweden Japan Foundation *Board Member and Secretary to the Board of the Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation *Former Foreign Secretary of Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences *Member of the Board of Sweden-Japan Parliamentarian Association</p>	<p>Edvard Fleetwood</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and academic exchange between Japan and Spain</p>	<p>*Director of Asian Studies Centre, University of Valladolid *Titled Professor, University of Valladolid</p>	<p>Luis Óscar Ramos Alonso</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Valladolid, Castilla y León, Spain (Spain)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendship and strengthening economic relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea</p>	<p>*Former President of the Busan Chamber of Commerce & Industry *Member of the Fukuoka-Busan Forum</p>	<p>Shin Jung-Taek</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Busan, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)</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 Germany</p>	<p>Former President of the German-Japanese Society in Bavaria</p>	<p>Lüder Paysen</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Berg, 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 Nicaragua and to developing Japanese Automobile Industry</p>	<p>President of AUTONICA, S.A.</p>	<p>Humberto Sandino Lacayo</p>	<p>82</p>	<p>Granada, Granada, Nicaragua (Nicaragua)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting the multilateral trading system and Japan's role within the system</p>	<p>*Former Chief of Staff of the WTO *Former Director of the Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division of the WTO</p>	<p>Evan Rogerson</p>	<p>66</p>	<p>Givrins, Vaud, Switzerland (New Zealand)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Architect *Professor Emeritus of Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Catholic University of Santos</p>	<p>Massashi Ruy Ohtake</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing music in Japan as well as promoting exchange and freindship between Japan and France through music and cinema</p>	<p>*Singer *Author and Composer *Actor *Diplomat</p>	<p>Charles Aznavour</p>	<p>93</p>	<p>Saint-Sulpice Vaud, Switzerland (France/Armenia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting Japanese culture in Poland</p>	<p>Professor, Head of the Department of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań</p>	<p>Estera Żeromska</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Warsaw, Poland (Poland)</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 between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<p>Former President of Alumni Look East Policy Society (ALEPS)</p>	<p>Zulkifli Abdul Malek</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>
<p>The order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting tourism and strengthening economic relations between Japan and Malaysia</p>	<p>Managing Director of YTL Corporation</p>	<p>Francis Yeoh Sock Ping</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territories, Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting mutual understanding through Mr. Chiune Sugihara and promoting cultural exchange between Japan and Lithuania</p>	<p>*Chairman of the Board of Sugihara Foundation "Diplomats for Life" *Former Member of the Parliament</p>	<p>Ramunas Garbaravicius</p>	<p>61</p>	<p>Kaunas, Lithuania (Lithuania)</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 Russia</p>	<p>Director of the Tatar-Japanese Centre for Culture and Information "Sakura"</p>	<p>Asiia Yusufovna Sadykova</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Kazan city, the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia (Russia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former President of the Board, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens *President of the Sister Cities Committee of Delray-Miyazu</p>	<p>David William Schmidt</p>	<p>62</p>	<p>Delray Beach, Florida, 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</p>	<p>Former President of Japan Club of New Orleans</p>	<p>Robert A. Turner</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Japanese American National Museum *Former CEO, American Fish Co.</p>	<p>Ernest Doizaki</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 improving the welfare of Japanese American in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between the United States and Japan</p>	<p>*Former Executive Director of Kimochi (Co- Founder) *Former Lecturer of Asian American Studies, San Francisco States University *Executive Director of the Japantown Task Force *Vice President of San Francisco Fire Commision</p>	<p>Stephen Korenori Nakajo</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>San Francisco, California, 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 supporting Japanese companies as well as promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former President and CEO, Battle Creek Unlimited, Inc.</p>	<p>James F. Hettinger</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Fennville, Michigan, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese descendents in Argentina and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>President of NGO Nikkei Solidaria (Founder)</p>	<p>Horacio Tamanaha</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay through Karate</p>	<p>President of Japan Karate Association Paraguay (Founder)</p>	<p>Roberto Edgardo Larrosa</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Encarnacion, Itapua, Paraguay (Paraguay)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting sumo and judo as well as understanding of Japan in Estonia</p>	<p>*Secretary General of Estonian Sumo Association *Secretary General of European Sumo Federation *Former Board Member of Estonian Judo Association</p>	<p>Riho Rannikmaa</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Vinni parish, Lääne-Viru county, Estonia (Estonia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Kyudo in the Netherlands and friendly relations between Japan and the Netherlands</p>	<p>Former President of Dutch Kyudo Federation</p>	<p>Hans De Wekker</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Haarlemmermeer, Noord-Holland, the Netherlands (the Netherlands)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Ray</p>	<p>Contributed to improving the welfare and the status of Japanese Canadians as well as promoting Japanese culture and language in Canada</p>	<p>*Former President of the Calgary Japanese Community Association *Director of the Board, Calgary Japanese Language School</p>	<p>Rocky Rokuji Oishi</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Canada)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japanese culture and friendly relations between Japan and the Czech Republic</p>	<p>*Interview coordinator *Japanese translator and Japanese interpreter</p>	<p>Martin Vackar</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Husinec, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Turkey and understanding of Japan in Turkey</p>	<p>*Founder and First President of JICA Alumni of Turkey *Former Member of the Executive Board of Turkish Japanese Foundation</p>	<p>Ruhi Esirgen</p>	<p>78</p>	<p>Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange through development of modern art in Japan and Bangladesh</p>	<p>Artist</p>	<p>Kazi Ghiyasuddin</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilian and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>* Former Professor of CESVA (Higher Education Center in Valença) * President of the Association for Japanese-Brazilian Culture and Sports of Valença and Rio das flores</p>	<p>Jo Yoshikuni Osugue</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Valença, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting cultural exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former President of Parana Alumni Association Brazil-Japan *Member of Council of Cultural and Beneficial Association of Curitiba *Former Member of City Council of Curitiba</p>	<p>Nobutero Matsuda</p>	<p>89</p>	<p>Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Judo in Brazil and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Master Instructor of Judo Miura *Former President of Judo Federation in Brasilia</p>	<p>Takeshi Miura</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil (Brazil)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Honduras through music</p>	<p>Director of National Music School</p>	<p>Nelia Ivelina Chavarría de Pineda</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Tegucigalpa M.D.C., Francisco Morazán, Honduras (Honduras)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting well-being of Japanese people in Malaysia</p>	<p>Medical Director of Mahameru International Medical Center</p>	<p>Beh Chor Khim</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territories, Malaysia (Malaysia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and Mexico through Japanese Tea Ceremony</p>	<p>President of Urasenke Tankokai Mexico Association</p>	<p>Roberto Behar Calderon</p>	<p>76</p>	<p>Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)</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 Mexico</p>	<p>President of the Mexican-Japanese Association of the Northeast (Founder)</p>	<p>Ricardo Perez Otakara</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico (Mexico)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Mauritius and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Mauritius</p>	<p>* Branch Chief of the WKO Shinkyokushinkai Mauritius Branch * President of the Kyokushinkai Martial Arts Federation of Mauritius</p>	<p>Aslum Osman Jeewa</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Port Louis, Mauritius (Mauritius)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social status of Japanese Americans and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Emeritus Boad Member of Japan-America Society of Oregon</p>	<p>George Yoshio Nakata</p>	<p>84</p>	<p>Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States in the security field and securing the safety of Japanese in the United States</p>	<p>Former Detective of City of New York Police Department</p>	<p>John Ptacek</p>	<p>52</p>	<p>New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to improving the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former Head of the Agricultural Cooperative of Efigenio de Sales *Former President of the Community Association of Efigenio de Sales</p>	<p>Goro Kanehira Sato</p>	<p>75</p>	<p>Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Brazilian and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil</p>	<p>*Former President of Federation of Cultural Association for Japanese Brazilian in Alta Paulista *Former President of Cultural and Sport Association for Nikkei in Marilia</p>	<p>Yoshimi Shintaku</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>Marilia, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Brazil and developing Japanese companies in Brazil</p>	<p>*Former Director of Construtora Toda do Brasil *Counselor of Construtora Toda do Brasil</p>	<p>Oswaldo Yuji Nagasawa</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to improving the social status of Japanese Brazilians and promoting Japanese culture in Brazil</p>	<p>Former President of Alexandre Gusmao Rural and Cultural Association</p>	<p>Junichi Hayakawa</p>	<p>81</p>	<p>Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil (Brazil)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan through popularization of Ikebana in Russia</p>	<p>Instructor of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana</p>	<p>Aleksandra Semenovna Kudryashova</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin region, Russia (Russia)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting Japan's insurance and financial industries as well as strengthening economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Chairman of The U.S.-Japan Business Council and the U.S.-Japan Business Conference *Former President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan *Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, Aflac Life Insurance Japan Ltd.</p>	<p>Charles Ditmars Lake II</p>	<p>56</p>	<p>Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment</p>	<p>Local Attorney of the Embassy of Japan in Uzbekistan</p>	<p>Isanbayev Ravil Muxamedzakiyevich</p>	<p>61</p>	<p>Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)</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 Egypt</p>	<p>Mary Shalaby</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>Cairo, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)</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 the Netherlands</p>	<p>Elizabeth van der Wind</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>Leiden, Zuid-Holland, the Netherlands (Canada)</p>

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand	Oravan Thonglamool	66	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
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 Thailand	Supatra Pothong	66	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
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 Belgium	Odette De Winter	65	Chastre, Wallonia, Belgium (Belgium)
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 Argentina	Héctor Horacio Marcó	70	Buenos Aires City, Argentina (Argentina)
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 Bahrain	Karunakara Becha Shetty	62	Udupi, Karnataka, India (India)

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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 Consulate-General of Japan in Medan	Shelley Chua	61	Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia (Indonesia)
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 Uganda	Elizabeth Nakate Kaziro	56	Nabweru, Wakiso, Uganda (Uganda)
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 Guinea	Sande Kaly Cherif	60	Conakry, Guinea (Guinea)
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	Du JianGuo	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 Consular Office of Japan in Saipan	Vinnie Reusch	74	Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, U.S.A. (Denmark)

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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 Finland	Erkki Lähde	63	Helsinki, Finland (Finland)
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 Vietnam	Nguyen Huu Tai	60	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)
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 Vietnam	Ngo Phuong Lan	55	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)
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 Romania	Ana Barac	61	Bucharest, Romania (Romania)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing the Spanish linguistic ability for Japanese diplomats and others	Former Special Chief Instructor of the Foreign Service Training Institute	Carlos Molina Rodero	65	Kawasaki, Kanagawa, Japan (Spain)

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<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to improvement and rehabilitation of inmates through activities as a chaplain</p>	<p>*Chaplain at Fuchu Prison *Chaplain at Tokyo Detention House *Honorary Professor, Sophia University</p>	<p>Javier Barretto Garralda</p>	<p>86</p>	<p>Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Spain)</p>
<p>The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Vietnam and promoting understanding of Japan in Vietnam</p>	<p>*Professor, Waseda University *Former Chairman, Vietnam Asia-Pacific Economic Center</p>	<p>Tran Van Tho</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Tokyo, Japan (Vietnam)</p>