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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 Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickham, Hawaii	Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy	55	Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
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 of the United States	Ashton B. Carter	64	Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japan in the field of humanitarian assistance and strengthening the partnership between Japan and International Organization for Migration	Former Director General, International Organization for Migration	William Lacy Swing	84	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
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 of the United States	Chuck Hagle	72	McLean, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendship and strengthening coordination in international fields between Japan and Egypt	Former Foreign Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt Former Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Japan	Nabil Fahmy	68	Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and Ethiopia and promoting Japanese diplomacy toward Africa through Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development	Former Prime Minister Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs	Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe	53	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Qatar	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Former Minister of State for International Cooperation and the Acting Minister of Business and Commerce	Khalid Al Attiyah	52	Doha, Qatar (Qatar)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Cambodia	Former Deputy Prime Minister and Co-Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Supreme Privy Counselor to His Majesty King NORODOM Sihamoni Former Supreme Privy Counselor to His Majesty King NORODOM Sihanouk	NORODOM Sirivudh	67	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Turkey	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Mevlut Cavusoglu	51	Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Palau	Former Minister of State Former Minister of Education	Billy Godfried Kuartei	72	Ngchesar, Palau (Palau)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Paraguay	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Eladio Loizaga Lezcano	70	Asuncion, Paraguay (Paraguay)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Malaysia and strengthening Japan-ASEAN relations	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar	75	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Malaysia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Jordan	Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates	Nasser Judeh	57	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting economic relations between Japan and the Lao PDR	Former Minister of Planning and Investment Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance	Somdy Douangdy	67	Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States in the field of science and technology	Former Science Advisor to the President of the United States Former Director, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy	John Paul Holdren	75	Falmouth, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Deputy United States Trade Representative with rank of Ambassador Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Chairman, the Japan America Society of Chicago Vice Chair and Distinguished Fellow on the Global Economy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs	Michael H. Moskow	81	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India	Former Foreign Secretary	Shyam Saran	72	New Delhi, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Oman	Former Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Japan	Mohammed bin Yousuf Al Zarafi	64	Muscat, Oman (Oman)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Oman	Former Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Japan	Khalid bin Hashil Al Muslahi	51	Muscat, Oman (Oman)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Qatar	Former Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Japan	Yousef Mohamed Bilal	65	Doha, Qatar (Qatar)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and friendship between Japan and Kuwait	Former Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Japan	Abdul-Rahman Humood Al-Otaibi	59	Hague, Netherlands (Kuwait)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship as well as promoting mutual understanding through literature between Japan and Croatia	Former Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Japan	Drago Štambuk	68	Tehran, Iran, (Croatia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Serbia	Former Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to Japan Former Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro to Japan Former Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Japan	Predrag Filipov	63	Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia (Serbia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the Holy See	Archivist and Librarian emeritus, Holy Roman Church Former Archivist and Librarian, Holy Roman Church	Raffaele Farina	85	Vatican (Vatican/Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Fiji	Former Ambassador of Fiji to Japan	Robin Hardy Yarrow	75	Suva, Fiji (Fiji)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the Philippines	Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs Former Presidential Advisor for Multilateral Cooperation and Development	Delia Domingo Albert	76	Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Europe in the field of international human rights law	Former President, European Court of Human Rights President, René Cassin Foundation	Jean-Paul Costa	77	Strasbourg, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relation and promoting friendship between Japan and France	Former Ministre d'État, Minister of the Interior Mayor of Lyon City	Gérard Collomb	71	Lyon, Auvergne-Rhône- Alpes, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting research on French literature and language in Japan and academic exchanges between Japan and France	Permanent Secretary, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-lettres Professor emeritus, Collège de France Member, Académie française	Michel Zink	74	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France	Former Minister for Culture and Communication Vice-President, Eurométropole of Strasbourg	Catherine Trautmann	68	Strasbourg, Grand Est, France (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France in the field of chemistry	Nobel Laureate in Chemistry in 1987 Emeritus Professor, University of Strasbourg Honorary Professor, Collège de France	Jean-Marie Lehn	79	Strasbourg, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former MDAO Chief, US Embassy Tokyo Former G5/Host Nation Affairs, US Army Japan	John Kim	53	Washington DC, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Director for Intelligence, U.S. Forces Japan Former Department of Defense Official	Thomas R. Crowell	54	Boerne, Texas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former USMC Liaison Officer, Japan Ground Self Defense Force	Jonathan Christopher Goff	53	Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges between Japan and the United States in the field of periodontics and developing the field of periodontics in Japan	Former Clinical Professor, Section of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, University of California, Los Angeles	Henry H. Takei	80	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division Former Deputy Commanding General, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Former Commanding General, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade	Craig Quantrell Timberlake	60	New Braunfels, Texas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing Japanese language education in the United States and promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Chair, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Former Director, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawai'i	Robert Nathan Huey	67	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the United States	Honorary Consul of Japan in New Orleans	Donna D. Fraiche	67	Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Commander, 374th Airlift Wing, United States Air Force	Kenneth E. Moss	48	St. Clair County, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese modern art in the United States	Director, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)	Glenn David Lowry	64	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and the United Arab Emirates in the field of education	Former Secretary General, Abu Dhabi Education Council Chairman, Department of Community Development	Mugheer Khamis Alkhaili	54	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (United Arab Emirates)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japan's efforts in the field of global health and development of medicine in Japan	Professor of Surgery, Imperial College London	Ara Warkes Darzi	59	London, United Kingdom (United Kingdom)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Australia	Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan for the Northern Territory	Roslynne Vivienne Bracher	74	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Kazakhstan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Kazakhstan	Former Vice-Rector, Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi Former Professor, Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi Former Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi	Abdsattar Derbisali	71	Almaty, Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic and cultural relationships and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	President and CEO, Japan Society	Ben Ciprietti	81	Burlington, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Honorary Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal Former Vice-Rector, Université du Québec à Montréal Former Delegate General of Québec in Tokyo	Claude Yves Charron	67	Blainville, Quebec, Canada (Canada)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and San Marino	Honorary Consul General of Japan in San Marino Former President, The Association San Marino-Japan	Leo Achilli	66	Domagnano, San Marino (San Marino)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic relations and friendship between Japan and South Korea	Chairman, Toray Advanced Materials Korea Inc. Executive Director, Korea-Japan Economic Association	Young Kwan Lee	71	Seoul City, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic relations and friendship between Japan and South Korea	Former Consul-General of the Republic of Korea in Sendai Secretary-General, Korea-Japan Parliamentarian's Union	Park Jung Ho	73	Seoul City, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Korea	Former President, Jeju National University	Huh Hyangjin	64	Jeju City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the Czech Republic	Former Chairperson, Czech Japanese Association	Kristina Kopackova	68	Prague, The Czech Republic (The Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting the technical cooperation between Japan and Germany in the field of railway	Former Board Member for Research, Technology and Integrated System Railway, Deutsche Bahn AG Former CEO, DB Netz AG	Roland Heinisch	76	Idstein, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Turkey and promoting infrastructure development by Japanese companies in third countries	Chairman, CALIK Holding Former Deputy Minister, Turkmenistan Textile Industrial Ministry	Ahmet Calik	61	Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	Former Chairman, Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF)	Abdul Kader Jaffer	82	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Hungary and cultivating young Japanese musicians in the field of music	Former Professor Habil, Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music Professor Emeritus, Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music	Onczay Csaba	72	Budapest, Hungary (Hungary)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Bangladesh in the field of art	Honorary Professor, Department of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka Former Director General, Bangladesh National Museum	Mahmudul Haque	74	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Parliamentary Friendship Group Brazil - Japan Former Member, National Parliament	Hidekazu Takayama	71	Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing the education of Japanese Brazilian community and promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Brazil	Former Rector, Federal Rural University of the Amazon	Sueo Numazawa	67	Belém, Pará, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and France on national defense	Former Director General, Directorate General for International Relations and Strategy, Ministry of Armed Forces Former Director for Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Defence	Philippe Errera	49	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and France in the field of art	President, National Museum of Asian Arts Guimet	Sophie Makariou	52	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and France in the field of art	Director of Petit Palais	Christophe Leribault	54	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening diplomacy and security as well as promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Poland	Former Defense Minister Former Sejm Member	Janusz Onyszkiewicz	81	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Poland in the field of music and educating young Japanese musicians	Professor, The Fryderyk Chopin University of Music	Piotr Paleczny	73	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia	Rector, International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) Former Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Director, Pusat Bahasa Teikyo (PBT)	Dzulkifli Abdul Razak	67	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to sustainable use of marine living resources in Japan via scientific advice	Professor Emeritus, Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, University of Cape Town Advisor to Japan, Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)	Douglas Stuart Butterworth	71	Rondebosch, South Africa (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Romania and promoting exchanges between Japan and Romania in the field of art	General Manager, Radu Stanca National Theatre Sibiu President, Sibiu International Theatre Festival Professor, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (PhD)	Constantin Chiriac	61	Sibiu, Sibiu, Romania (Romania)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Russia through performing arts	General Director, Bolshoi Theatre	Vladimir Georgievich Urin	72	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia in the field of fine arts	Director, Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts	Marina Devovna Loshak	63	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting technical cooperation in the medical field between Japan and Taiwan	Chairman, Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital Chairman, Shin Kong Wu Foundation Director, Taiwan-Japan Cultural and Economic Association Chairman, Shin Kong Financial Holdings Chairman, Shin Kong Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	Wu Tung-Chin	74	Taipei City, Taiwan

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Switzerland in the field of arts	Professor and Chair, East Asian Art History, University of Zurich	Hans Bjarne Thomsen	61	Volketswil Zurich Switzerland (U.S.A / Denmark)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Chairman, Japan Society of Boston	William W. Hunt	56	Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Italy in the field of film music	Composer	Ennio Morricone	90	Rome, Lazio, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese studies and Japanese language education in Iraq as well as promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Iraq	Professor, History Department, College of Arts, University of Baghdad	Mahmoud Abdulwahid M. Al-QAYSI	50	Baghdad, Iraq (Iraq)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese art in Germany and cultural exchange between Japan and Germany	Former Director, Asian Art Museum, National Museums in Berlin	Klaas Ruitenbeek	68	Berlin, Germany (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Cuba	Former Director of the museum "Museo Casa de Asia" (the first director)	Teresita Hernández Corrales	57	Havana, Cuba (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Cuba through music	Singer Vocalist of the musical group "Buena Vista Social Club"	Omara Portuondo Peláez	88	Havana, Cuba (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese language education in the People's Republic of China	Former Assistant Professor, City University of Hong Kong Former Assistant Professor, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University President, Society of Japanese Language Education, Hong Kong;	Leung Onyuk	62	Mid-Levels Hong Kong, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Chile in the field of science and technology	<p>Director, AccessNova Research Program, NTT R&D and University of Chile</p> <p>Executive Manager, Innovation and Development, CMM(Center for Mathematical Modeling), School of Engineering and Science, University of Chile</p> <p>Director, International Relations Office, University of Chile</p>	Eduardo Vera	66	<p>Santiago, Chile</p> <p>(Chile)</p>
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese crafts in Germany and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Germany	Former Director, Museum of Lacquer Art Münster	Monika Kopplin	66	<p>Münster, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany</p> <p>(Germany)</p>
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former Mayor, Linden City	Ulrich Lenz	75	<p>Linden, Hesse, Germany</p> <p>(Germany)</p>
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to improving the welfare for Japanese community in Paraguay and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	<p>Professor Emeritus, National University of Asuncion</p> <p>Former Head, Department of Pathological Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Asuncion(Professor)</p>	Elena Satiko Kasamatsu de Balbontin	77	<p>Asuncion, Paraguay</p> <p>(Paraguay)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Brazil in the field of defense	Former Chief, Air Force Land Operations Center	Agostinho Shibata	72	Brazilia, Distrito Federal, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Former Mayer of Curitiba	Cassio Taniguchi	77	Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Brazilian and promoting exchanges between Japan and Brazil	President, Beneficiencia Nipo-Brasileira de Sao Paulo Former President, Federation of Associations of Japanese Prefectures in Brazil	Akeo Uehara Yogui	75	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brasil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese language and culture in Brazil and promoting student exchanges between Japan and Brazil	President Director of Harmonia School	Tadayosi Wada	86	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and France through dance and theater	Director of Chaillot, Théâtre national de la Danse	Didier Deschamps	65	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting political, cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France	Former Executive Commissioner for the Year of France in Japan Former Special advisor to the President Jacques Chirac, Presidency of the French Republic	Valérie Terranova	55	Paris, Ile-de-France France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Bulgaria in the field of archaeology	Archeologist Former Professor, National Archaeological Institute with Museum—Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Diana Gergova	71	Sofia, Bulgaria (Bulgaria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese literature and Japanese language education in Vietnam	Translator/Interpreter Principal, Nam Dinh Japanese Language and Cultural Center	Pham Huu Loi	62	Nam Dinh, Vietnam (Vietnam)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Peru	Professor, Faculty of Economics, National University of San Marcos	Carlos Alberto Aquino Rodríguez	60	Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Myanmar and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar	Former Head, Japanese Department, Yangon University of Foreign Languages Former President, Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA)	Si Si Shein	75	Yangon, Myanmar (Myanmar)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Mexico	Former President, Mexico-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Mexican Congress Former council member, Leon City	Beatriz Eugenia Yamamoto Cázares	69	Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding through commemoration of the deeds of Mr. Chiune Sugihara and promoting inter-regional exchanges between Japan and Lithuania	Mayor of Kaunas City	Visvaldas Matijošaitis	62	Kaunas city, Lithuania (Lithuania)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Former Mayor of Khabarovsk Former Chairman, Japan-Russian coastal Mayors Meeting	Alexander Nikolaevich Sokolov	68	Khabarovsk, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese language education and promoting Japanese culture in Russia	Principal, School No. 83 in Saint-Petersburg	Natalia Albertovna Poliakova	64	Saint-Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo activities in Zambia	Former President, Judo Association in Zambia	Jude McKenna	84	Dublin, Ireland (Ireland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	City and County Manager of Broomfield	Charles Shunsuke Ozaki	69	Broomfield, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Representative, Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Keiko Matsudo Orrall	51	Lakeville, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding through facilitating a sister city relationship between Japan and the United States	Former Washington Coordinator for Sister Cities International President, Ethnic Heritage Council President, Seattle Sister Cities Association	Burton E. Bard Jr.	85	Lake Forest Park, Washington U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Algeria	President, Japan-Algeria Business Club	Mustapha Mekideche	75	Staoueli, Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and India	President, Indo-Japan Welfare and Cultural Association	Pabitra Sarkar	83	Kolkata, West Bengal, India (India)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese literature in Estonia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Estonia	Freelance writer Translator	Agu Sisask	78	Viimsi, Harju, Estonia (Estonia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Australia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Chairman, Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre Ltd.	Robert John Griffiths	70	Cowra, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese art in Austria and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Austria	Former Curator, Asia Collection, MAK - Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art	Johannes Wieninger	64	Vienna, Austria (Austria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing and promoting Japanese art in Netherlands	Director, Nihon no Hanga Museum	Elise Wessels-Van Houdt	76	Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands (Netherlands)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada through sister-city relationship	Chair, Lindsay-Nayoro Twinning Committee	Heather Lindsay Blackwood Newman	78	Kawartha Lakes, Ontario, Canada (Canada/United Kingdom)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan thorough the spread of Ikebana in Greece	President, Greek Chapter of Ohara School of Ikebana	Joanna Charitou Barczyk	75	Athens, Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Korea	Chairman, Jeju Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province Korea-Japan Friendship Association	Kim Dae Hyung	64	Jeju City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Chairman, German-Japanese Society in Osnabrueck	Johannes Eidt	82	Osnabrueck, Niedersachsen, Germany (Germany)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	President, German-Japanese Society Baden-Wuerttemberg	Wolfgang Grosse	78	Winterbach, Baden- Wuerttemberg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines	Former President, Philippines Japan Ladies Association	Ma. Elena Laurel Loinaz	70	Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Chamber of Commerce Brazil - Japan of Paraná	Yoshiaki Oshiro	76	Colombo, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Federation of Japan-Brazil Associations of Central-West Region	Herminio Hideo Suguino	68	Brazilia, Distrito Federal, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Brazil	President, Federation of Cultural Associations of Japanese-Brazilians in Brazil Former President, Association of Japanese Brazilians in Birigui	Shinichi Yassunaga	71	Birigui, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Brazil and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Ishindaiko Founder, Paraná Soccer Technical Center Former President, Commemorative Committee for 100 anniversary of Japanese Immigration in Londrina on the occasion of the Commemoration of 100 anniversary of Japanese Immigration in Brazil	Atsushi Yoshii	80	Londrina, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	President, Association les "AMIS du JAPON"	Gisele Thirriard	78	Marly, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese literature and better understanding of Japan in Bolivia and Spain	Writer Poet	Pedro Shimose Kawamura	79	Madrid, Spain (Bolivia / Spain)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	President, Mexican Business Council for Foreign Trade (COMCE) Bajio	Miguel Ángel Franyutti Gómez	74	Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Karate activities in Mauritius and promoting friendship between Japan and Mauritius	President, All Mauritius Karate Federation	Georges Li Ying Pin	75	Port Louis, Mauritius (Mauritius)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting human exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Chairman, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Regional Social Organization "Sakhalin-Japan Friendship Society"	Galina Vasilievna Zrazhaeva	73	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin region, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia in the field of art	Senior Curator, Oriental Paintings and Prints, Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts	Ainura Ishenbaevna Yusupova	60	Moscow, Russia (Russia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Former Chief, "Translation Project of Yilan Historical Documents in Japanese", The Institute of Yilan County History (IOYCH)	Li Ying-Mao	89	Yilan County, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting better understanding of Japan in the United States	Former Cultural Director, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens	John Thomas Gregersen	69	Delray Beach Florida U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare for Japanese community in Argentina, and promoting friendship between Japan and Argentina	Former President, Nikkei Center in Argentina Former Chairman, Argentina-Japan Cultural Foundation	Roberto Arakaki	76	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo and understanding of Japan in Egypt	Former Technical Advisor, Judo National Team, Judo, Aikido and Sumo Federation of Egypt Judo Olympic Medalist	Mohamed Aly Ahmed Rashwan	63	Alexandria, Egypt (Egypt)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Former General Secretary, JICA Alumni Association of Sri Lanka Former Chairman, Sasakawa Trust	Upali Stanley Jayasekera	88	Rajagiriya, Colombo, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture overseas through the research of Japanese Inro	Researcher and Collector of Inro	Heinz Kress	84	Liljendal, Finland (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Association of Culture and Sports in Saude Former President, Federation of Radio Taisso in Brasil	Jorge Kinoshita	81	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Brazil in the field of art	Artist	Tanaka Shiro *commonly known as Flavio Shiro	90	Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese Peruvian community and promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Peru	Former President, Japanese Peruvian Women's Association	Ysabel Saito Saito	91	Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and cultural exchange between Japan and South Africa	Honorary Vice President, Cape Town Japan Club	Hans-Peter Schröder	80	Stellenbosch, Western Cape, Republic of South Africa (Republic of South Africa)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Legal Counsel, Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne	Frank Watson Paton	72	Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Senior Advisor, Consulate General of Japan in Chicago	William G. Christensen	64	Aurola, Illinois U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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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, Embassy of Japan in Republic of Korea	Kim Heung Moo	66	Yong-in City, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Myanmar	Cho Tun	63	Yangon, Myanmar (Myanmar)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Myanmar	Noreen Hanner	62	Yangon, Myanmar (Myanmar)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Detroit	Anita J. Savio	63	Rochester Hills, Michigan, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Colombia	Luisa Amalia Nicolasa de Greiff Muñoz	60	Bogotá D.C., Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Bahrain	Sabria Ismail Shakib	70	Manama, Bahrain (Bahrain)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Employee, Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi	Nasreen Abid	61	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Vietnam	Pham Kim Hang	55	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contribution to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Poland	Elżbieta Podgórska	59	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
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