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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 Commandant of the Marine Corps Former Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division	Robert Blake Neller	66	Driftwood, Texas 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 Former Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton	Leon E. Panetta	81	Carmel Valley, California, 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 Slovenia and enhancing relations between Japan and EU	Former Prime Minister Former Vice-Prime Minister Former Minister for Foreign Affairs Former rapporteur of Japan-EU SPA at Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET), European Parliament	Alojz Peterle	71	Ljubljana, Slovenia (Slovenia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Niger and to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the African Union	Former Prime Minister of Niger Chief Executive Officer, AUDA-NEPAD	Ibrahim Mayaki	68	Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa (Niger)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and UNCTAD in the field of trade	Former Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Honorary President, JAPAN HOUSE Sao Paulo	Rubens Ricupero	82	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting Japan's international contribution in the field of peacekeeping.	Former UN Under-Secretary-General for peacekeeping operations	Hervé Ladsous	69	Saint-Geuiez-d'olt, Occitanie, France (France)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendship and goodwill between Japan and France	Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, former Minister of Defense	Jean-Yves Le Drian	72	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the Lao PDR	Vice President Former Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Sports Former Minister of Education Former President of National Olympic Committee of Laos	Phankham Viphavanh	68	Vinétiane Capital, Lao PDR (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	contributed to introducing Japanese artwork and promote understanding of Japan through art in the United States.	Former Director, National Gallery of Art Director Emeritus, National Gallery of Art	Earl A. Powell III	76	Washington DC, U.S.A. (U.S.A)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly ties between Japan and Algeria	Former Ambassador of Algeria to Japan	Sid Ali Ketrاندji	70	Fontenay-aux-roses, France (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and India	Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited Co-Chairman, India-Japan Business Leaders Forum	Baba Kalyani	70	Pune, Maharashtra, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the economic and tourism relationship between Japan and India	Former President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Chairperson, FICCI Tourism Committee	Jyotsna Suri	67	New Delhi, Delhi, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Uzbekistan	Former Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Japan	Mirsobit Fozilovich Ochilov	71	Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Sultanate of Oman	Former Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman in Japan	Mohamed Ali Al-Khusaiby	67	Muscat, Oman (Oman)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Canada	Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan Former Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs	James Hutchings Taylor	89	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral military relations between Japan and Thailand	Former Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force Former Chief of staff of the Royal Thai Air Force	Johm Rungswang	61	Bangkok, The Kingdom of Thailand (The Kingdom of Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Tunisia	Former Minister of Development and International Cooperation Former Minister of Planning and International Cooperation	Mohamed Nouri Jouini	58	Jeddah, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (Tunisia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Turkey	Former President of Parliamentary Friendship Group Turkey - Japan Vice Defense Minister	Arpaslan Kavakluoglu	57	Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Nigeria	Former Minister of Budget and National Planning Former Honorary Consul of Japan at Lagos	Udoma Udo Udoma	65	Lagos Island, Lagos, Nigeria (Nigeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening of bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Nepal	Former Ambassador of Nepal to Japan	Narayan Prasad Arjal	86	Gyaneshwar, Kathmandu, Nepal (Nepal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the Philippines on financial sector	Former Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines	Amando Maglalang Tetangco Jr.	66	Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)

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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 Brazil	Former Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply Member, Wise-Men Group on the Japan-Brazil Strategic Economic Partnership Former Member, JAPAN HOUSE Sao Paulo Steering Committee	Roberto Rodrigues	77	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting science, technology and academic exchanges as well as mutual understanding between Japan and France	Professor at the University of Strasbourg Former President of the University of Strasbourg Former President of Louis-Pasteur University	Alain Beretz	65	Strasbourg Grand Est France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Federated States of Micronesia	Former Ambassador to Japan Former Chief of Staff to the President	Kasio Emil Mida	75	Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM (FSM)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Mauritania	Former Ambassador of Mauritania in Japan	Mohamed Mahmoud Jaafar Dhehby	56	Nouakchott West, Mauritania (Mauritania)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing and promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Jordan	Former Deputy Prime Minister/ Former Minister of Planning and International Cooperation/ Former Director of Office of His Majesty of the Royal Court	Jafar Hassan	51	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Lithuania	Former Ambassador to Japan	Dainius Petras Kamaitis	54	Vilnius, Lithuania (Lithuania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Russia and strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Russia	Special Representative of the Russian President for International Cultural Cooperation, Ambassador-at-large Chairman of the Russian Organization Committee of Festival of Russian Culture in Japan Former Head of the Federal Agency for Culture and Cinematography	Mikhail Yefimovich Shvidkoi	71	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Taiwan	Chairman, Taiwan Glass Holdings Inc. Chairman, Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce, Taiwan	Lin Por- Fong	76	Taipei Taiwan

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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>Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs</p>	<p>Heidi Honecker Grant</p>	<p>54</p>	<p>Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening nuclear cooperation between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Former Director of Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety & Security at U.S. Department of State Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Technology Affairs at U.S. Department of State</p>	<p>Richard J. K. Stratford</p>	<p>71</p>	<p>Silver Spring, Maryland, 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 relationships and friendship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Chairman, The Japan-America Society of Washington DC Former CEO, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Former Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Tokyo Former Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs, Department of State</p>	<p>James P. Zumwalt</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>Washington, D.C. U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Honorary Consul of Japan in Albuquerque</p>	<p>Davis Begay</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>*Former Professor, University of Washington *Professor Emeritus, University of Washington</p>	<p>Donald C. Hellmann</p>	<p>86</p>	<p>Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand</p>	<p>Professor of Japanese Studies & Religious Studies School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics & School of Humanities Director, Japan Studies Centre New Zealand Asia Institute University of Auckland Former Professor, Faculty of Sociology & Social Work, Meiji Gakuin University Former Professor, Faculty of Comparative Culture, Sophia University</p>	<p>Mark Mullins</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>Cambridge, New Zealand (U.S.A.)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting karate in Argentina and friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina</p>	<p>National Director of Sports Development, National Sports Agency President of the Pan-American Karate Federation First Vice President of the World Karate Federation Founder member of the Argentine Karate Federation</p>	<p>José María García Maañón</p>	<p>67</p>	<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Albania	Honorary Consul-General of Japan at Tirana	Avni Ponari	62	Tirana, Albania (Albania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cross-border exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Angola	Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Luanda Consulting lawyer of the Embassy of Japan to Angola	Carlos Alberto Santana Santos Freitas	67	Luanda Luanda Angola (Angola)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to cooperating with Japan in the area of living marine resources and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Antigua and Barbuda	Ambassador and Development Commissioner International Whaling Commission Commissioner	Daven Clairfoster Joseph	62	Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda (Antigua and Barbuda)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia.	Former Director-General for Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture Former President of Bandung Institute of Technology Former President of University of Indonesia	Djoko Santoso	66	Bandung, West Jawa, Indonesia (Indonesia)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia</p>	<p>Former Rector, Indonesia Institute of the Arts Yogyakarta Former Chairman, Indonesia College of the Arts Denpasar Founder of Institute of Technology and Business STIKOM Bali Chancellor of Widya Dharma Shanti Denpasar Foundation</p>	<p>I Made Bandem</p>	<p>74</p>	<p>Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia (Indonesia)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Austria</p>	<p>Honorary Consul General of Japan in Salzburg</p>	<p>Leo Peter Exner</p>	<p>63</p>	<p>Vienna, Austria (Austria)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the Netherlands</p>	<p>Professor Emeritus, University of Groningen Founder and Managing-Director Emeritus of the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Groningen Professor Emeritus of Asian Business Strategies, International Business School of Hanze University of Applied Sciences</p>	<p>Marinus Theodorus Maria Segers (Rien T. Segers)</p>	<p>72</p>	<p>Haren, Groningen, (The Netherlands)</p>

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Kazakhstan	Former Professor, Dean, Faculty of History, Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi Former Deputy Director, National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Zhaken Taimagambetov	65	Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and Canada and developing the Japanese automotive industry	Former Chair of Toyota Canada Former Chair of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Former President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Former Chair of Automotive Investment Subcommittee, Canadian Automotive Partnership Council	Réal Tanguay	70	Kitchner, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia	member of National Assembly President, Norkor Kork Thlok	Seang Nam	61	Siem Reap , Siem Reap, Cambodia (Cambodia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Costa Rica	Professor, Center of Research, Teaching & Artistic Extension, National University of Costa Rica	Herbert Bolaños Rivera	61	Heredia, Heredia, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to academic research on the Japanese emigration history and promoting the academic exchange between Japan and Colombia, and mutual understanding.	Former Professor of the Teikyo University	Inés Sanmiguel Camargo	75	Bogotá Colombia, (COLOMBIA)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting industrial and academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden	Former President of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences	Björn O. Nilsson	63	Luleå, Norrbotten, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Former Senior Professor in Political Science, University of Peradeniya Professor Emeritus, University of Peradeniya	Kamala Liyanage	68	Kandy, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and cultural exchange between Japan and the People's Republic of China	Former President of The Japan Society of Hong Kong Chairman of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Electrical Appliances Merchants Association Ltd. Chairman & CEO of Shun Hing Group	Mong Tak Yeung, David	57	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 Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges in the environmental fields between Japan and Germany	Founder and Director Emeritus, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research	Hans Joachim Schellnhuber	69	Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Dominican Republic through volleyball	Former Minister of Sports First Executive Vice President of the Dominican Republic National Volleyball Federation First Executive Vice President of the International volleyball Federation	Cristobal Marte Hoffiz	67	Distrito Nacional, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese fishery technology through technical cooperation and promoting exchange and friendship between Japan and Turkey	Former General Director, General Directorate of Agricultural Production and Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Former President, JICA Alumni Association of Turkey	Huseyin Velioglu	61	Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the Bahamas	Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Nassau	Robert Delano Lascellas Sands	65	Sandypport, The Bahamas (The Bahamas)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relation and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil	Mayor of Curitiba City Former Congressman	Rafael Greca de Macedo	63	Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to supporting Japanese Brazilian community in Brazil and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Bradesco Bank Chairman, the Board of Directors of Bradesco Bank	Luiz Carlos Trabuco Cappi	68	Osasco, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Former Professor, Brazilian Institute of Tax Law Former President, Deliberative Council of the Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Assistance	Kiyoshi Harada	78	Sao Paulo Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in France and to consolidating friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	President of the Public Establishment du Parc et de la Grande halle de la Villette	Didier Fusillier	60	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in France and to consolidating friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and France	Chief Executive of Cite de la musique - Philharmonie de Paris	Laurent BAYLE	68	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese Culture in France and to consolidating friendly relations between Japan and France	President of the Public Establishment of the Palace, Museum and National Estate of Versailles	Catherine Pegard	65	Paris, Ile de France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Bulgaria	Deputy Chairperson, Bulgaria-Japan Economic Council Counselor, European Economic and Social Committee	Georgi Stefanov Stoev	69	Sofia, Bulgaria (Bulgaria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and EU and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and EU	Second Vice-President of the European Parliament Former rapporteur of Japan-EU EPA at International Trade Committee, European Parliament	Pedro Silva Pereira	57	Brussels, Belgium (Portuguese)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Former Governor of Guanajuato	Miguel Márquez Márquez	50	Purísima del Rincón, Guanajuato, México (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Russia and training Japanese astronauts.	Executive Director for Manned Space flight Programs, the State Space Cooperation "ROSCOSMOS" Former Head of Gagarin Research and Test Cosmonaut Training Center	Sergei Konstantinovich Krikalev	61	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in Russia and developing relations between Japan and Russia	Director of the Carnegie Moscow Center	Dmitri V. Trenin	64	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Former Rector, Sakhalin State University	Boris Ramazanovich Misikov	68	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin region, Russia (Russia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former member of the Hawaii House of Representatives Chairman of Asia Pacific Exchange and Development	Kenneth Toyohiko Ito	75	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to improving the welfare for Japanese community in the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Former President of the Japanese American Association of New York Former Vice Chairman of US Japan Council	Gary Shunichi Moriwaki	71	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	Former First Vice Chairman of Japan Alumni Association in Indonesia (PERSADA)	Indra Kartasasmita	81	South Jakarta, Special Capital Region of Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	Former Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies and Director, East Asian Developments at Northumbria University Former Reader in Japanese Studies and Head of the Japanese Studies Division at the University of Sunderland	Marie Conte-Helm	69	Hexham Northumberland United Kingdom (United Kingdom/United States)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Former Executive Director of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee	John Paul Gallagher	72	Thirroul, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Former President of Australia-Japan Society (ACT) Inc.	Michael Arnold Hodgkin	79	Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting the understanding of Japan in Australia	Former Curator, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha	Ross David McKinnon	70	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Canada	Former Member of Parliament of Canada Former Delegate General of Québec in Tokyo	Jean Dorion	77	Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Canada)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba Director, Asian Studies Centre, University of Manitoba	William James Lee	65	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese studies and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Greece	Former Professor of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Honorary Professor of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Stylios Papalexandropoulos	68	Athens, Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Switzerland and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Switzerland	Former curator in charge of the Asia department of the Ethnography Museum of Geneva Senior lecturer, Unit of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Geneva	Jérôme Bernard William Étienne Ducor	65	Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland (Switzerland, France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting better understanding of Japan in Spain	Translator Professor of Japanese Language at the University of Zaragoza	Antonio Francisco Barberá n Pelegrín	53	Villanueva de Gallego, Zaragoza, Spain (Spain)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand	Former President of Old Japan Students' Association, Kingdom of Thailand (OJSAT)	Samran Chooduangngern	69	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Mayor of Augsburg Vice-President of the German-Japanese Society Augsburg and Schwaben	Kurt Gribl	55	Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations through music between Japan and Germany	opera singer conductor	Peter Schreier	84	Dresden, Sachsen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Judo in Brazil and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil	President of Brazil Olympic Committee Former President of Brazilian Judo Confederation Former Vice President of International Judo Federation	Paulo Wanderley Teixeira	68	Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and France through Japanese cinemas.	Director of Vesoul International Film Festival of Asian Cinemas	Martine Th�rouanne	69	Vesoul Bourgogne- Franche- Comt� France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Portugal	Former Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of Portugal in Japan Former Vice-President of the Association of Friendship Portugal-Japan	Eduardo Manuel de Morais Kol de Carvalho	62	Lisbon, Portugal (Portugal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia and Japanese language education in Mongolia	Interpreter Translator	Radnaa Battogtokh	72	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Luxembourg	Former Professor, Faculty of Foreign Studies of Sopia University Former Vice President of Sophia University Former Trustee of Sophia School Cooperation	Jean-Claude Hollerich	61	Luxembourg, (Luxembourg)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	President, Primorsky Regional Public Cultural Organization "Friendship Society with Japan"	Alexander Lugovets	73	Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Former Chairman of Chinese Taipei Baseball Association President of Baseball Federation of Asia Baseball Executive Vice President of World Baseball Softball Confederation	Tom C.H.Peng	75	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	President of Japan Society of New Orleans	William M. Turner	61	Matairie, Louisiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese American society and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and the United States	Former Board President of Little Tokyo Service Center	Debra Nakatomi	66	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese American in the United States and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States	President, Board of Directors, Japan town Task Force	Sandy Ouye Mori	77	San Francisco, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Italy and friendly relations between Japan and Italy	President of Cultural Association Japan in Italy	Alberto Moro	56	Milano, Lombardia, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Former Alderman, Barrie City Council Chair, International Relations Committee, City of Barrie	David Wesley Morrison	60	Barrie, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former President of the German-Japanese Society Sachsen Vice President of the German-Japanese Society Leipzig	Peter Heumann	66	Leipzig, Sachsen, Germany (Germany)

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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 Germany	President, FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH International Marketing of the Region	Eric Menges	52	Bad Soden am Taunus, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to dissemination of Judo in Barbados and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Barbados	President, Barbados Judo Association	Hoskins Glyne Caddle	72	St. Michael, Barbados (Barbados)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Hungary	President of Jász kun-Japán Friendship Association	Kovács Mihály	76	Szolnok Hungary (Hungary)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	Former President, Japan-Brazil Alumni Association of Brasília	Ogib Teixeira de Carvalho Filho	71	Brasília, Distrito Federal, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese Brazilian Community and to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	President of the Amazonas Kotaku Association	Valdir Hiçashi Sato	67	Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare in Brazilian Japanese community and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	Former President of Santa Catarina Nikkey Associations' Federation Former President of Nipo Catarinense Association	Elídio Yocikazu Sinzato	70	Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare in Brazilian Japanese community and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	Former President of Brazil Japan Cultural Alliance of Parana Former President of Londrina Cultural Sportive Association President of Paranaense Baseball and Softball Federation	Francisco Takio Tan	71	Londrina, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting welfare of Japanese Brazilians' community in Brazil and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	Former President of Nippo-Brazilian Association of Goias Chairman of the Board of Nippo-Brazilian Association of Goias	Matsuy Jadir	62	Goiania, Goias, 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 friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	President, the Brazilian Federation of Sakura and Ipe Former President, the Nikkei Cultural and Sports Association of Sao Miguel Paulista	Pedro Yano	86	Sao Paulo Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Madagascar	President of NGO SAKURA	Razafiarison Zo Lalaina	57	Antananarivo, Madagascar (Madagascar)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Latvia.	Rujiena town Mayor (Chairman and Member of Rujiena Municipality Council)	Guntis Gladkins	50	Rujiena town, Latvia (Latvia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to organizing and promoting educational tours and mutual exchange for students between Japan and Taiwan	President, The Taiwan International Association for Education Tours	Shiue Guang Feng	66	Taichung City, Taiwan

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in the United States through studies of Netsuke	netsuke collector	Richard R. Silverman	87	West Hollywood, California, U.S.A (U.S.A)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improve the welfare of Japanese descendants in Argentina and to promote friendly relations between Japan and Argentina	Former President, Japanese Association of Rosario	Roberto Teruya	68	Rosario, Santa Fé, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japanese culture and history of Nikkei (Japanese descendants) Community in Cuba	Researcher of Immigration History Chair of Coordinating Committee of Japanese descendants in Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo	Lidia Antonia Sánchez Fujishiro	72	Santiago de Cuba, CUBA (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding through Ikebana between Japan and Switzerland	Former Representative of Ikenobo Study Group Bern	Ursula Steiner	77	Koenitz, Bern, Switzerland (Swiss)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Slovenia through ski	Former Ski Player Former Advisor of Morita Sports Promotion Foundation	Jurij Franko	57	Radovljica, Slovenia (Slovenia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in Panama and promoting friendship between Japan and Panama	Former Coach, Judo National Team Director, Judo Federation of Panama Advisor, Judo Club of the University of Panama	Braulio César Incencio Barrero	67	Panama City Panama
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese/Peruvian community and promoting friendship between Japan and Peru	Director of the Ryoichi Jinnai Recreational Center of the Japanese Peruvian Association Former President of the Japanese Peruvian Women's Association	Rosa Arashiro Tamashiro de Nakamatsu	73	Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia through Japanese flower arrangement	President of Japanese Flower Arrangement group "Himawari"	Olga Maltseva	68	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)

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<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to strengthening the relationships and friendship between Japan and the United States</p>	<p>Chairman, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan Former President, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Former Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Tokyo</p>	<p>Christopher James LaFleur</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon</p>	<p>Contributed to development of Japan's financial markets and internationalization</p>	<p>Former CEO and Representative Director of BNP Paribas Securities (Japan) Limited Chairman, International Bankers Association of Japan Administrator, French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan</p>	<p>Philippe Alin Avril</p>	<p>59</p>	<p>Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan (France)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to the promotion of life hygiene in Japan</p>	<p>Director, Hyogo public bath business life hygiene trade association Managing Director, National public bath business life hygiene federation of trade associations</p>	<p>Choi Seung Sang</p>	<p>73</p>	<p>Akashi, Hyogo, Japan (Republic of Korea)</p>
<p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays</p>	<p>Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Georgia through music</p>	<p>Concertmaster, Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra Permanent Conductor, Kansai City Philharmonic Orchestra</p>	<p>George Babuadze</p>	<p>57</p>	<p>Daito City, Osaka, Japan (Georgia)</p>

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Legal Counsel, Embassy of Japan in Honduras	German Edgardo Leitzelar Vidaurreta	74	Comayaguela M.D.C., Francisco Morazán, Honduras (Honduras)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai	Saju Mattamana Mathew	62	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (India)
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 Indonesia	Soetarno	74	Kompleks Pamulang Permai I Blok A57/22 Pamulang - Tangeran Selatan Indonesia (Indonesia)
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 the Kingdom of Thailand	Nitayasri Garuvarn	66	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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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 the Czech Republic	Bohumil Drzka	64	Prague, The Czech Republic (The Czech Republic)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Hong Kong	Yick Wai Kei Esther	62	Hong Kong, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Hong Kong	Chan Annie	61	Hong Kong, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China)
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 Guinea	Hadia Abouzaid	66	Conakry, Guinea, (France)

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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 Kansas City	Lizann Kesse	63	Westwood Hills, Kansas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
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 Kansas City	John William Matthews	67	Prairie Village, Kansas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Chile	José Alvarez	81	Santiago Chile (Chile)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Nicaragua	Former local employee, Embassy of Japan in Nicaragua	Vicente Ramón Álvarez Umaña	76	Managua, Managua, Nicaragua (Nicaragua)

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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 Fiji	Akosita Raicebe	60	Suva Fiji (Fiji)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines	Maria Leonor Cabauatan Lacanilao	60	Quzon , Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Romania	Maria Alexandrina Popescu	76	Bucharest, Romania (Romania)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting social welfare in Japan	Deputy Director, Wakakusa Aiiikuen, Nara Prefecture Social Welfare Corporation Nara Prefecture General Support Center for the Challenged	Lee Hatsuko	57	Kashihara , Nara , Japan (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting professional construction business in Japan	Director of After Planning Co.,Ltd Master of Waterproof construction	Kyo Haruo	71	Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan (Republic of Korea)