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| Decoration | Services | Major Titles | Name | Age | Address (Nationality) |
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| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to enhancing Japan's role in the area of global health | Co-chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-founder and Former Chairman and CEO of Microsoft | William Henry Gates III (Bill Gates) | 64 | Media, Washington U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to promotion of friendly relations and parliamentary contacts between Nepal and Japan. | Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Former Chairman of the Japan Nepal Friendship Parliamentarian League | Ram Chandra Poudel | 76 | Bohoratar Height, Bansthal, Kathmandu, the Third Province, Nepal (Nepal) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to enhancing relationship between Japan and the United States in the energy sector | Former Deputy Secretary of Energy Former Co-Chair of U.S.-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation | Daniel B. Poneman | 64 | McLean, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Australia | Former Australian Ambassador to Japan Former Deputy Secretary for public affairs, international and legal, and North Asia divisions, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | John McCarthy | 77 | Canberra, ACT Australia (Australia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Canada on economic and defense sector | President and CEO, Canadian Chamber of Commerce Former Secretary of State for External Affairs Former Minister of National Defence | Perrin Beatty | 69 | Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Canada) |

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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 Singapore | Former Ambassador of Singapore to Japan | Chin Siat Yoon | 70 | Singapore (Singapore) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Germany on education and research | Former State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in Germany | Georg Schütte | 57 | Wachtberg, North Rhine- Westphalia, Germany (Germany) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Nigeria on health sector | Former Minister of Health Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan | Isaac Folorunso Adewole | 65 | Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria (Nigeria) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and New Zealand | Former Ambassador of New Zealand to Japan Former Chief Executive, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | Maarten Wevers | 68 | Wellington, New Zealand (New Zealand) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and Vietnam in the field of justice | Former Minister of Justice | Ha Hung Cuong | 66 | Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening the arts and cultural relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Lithuania | Former Minister of Culture Former Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Lithuania to UNESCO Former Vice-Chair of the Inter-parliamentary group for the Relations with Japan Director of the Lithuanian Art Museum | Arūnas Gelūnas | 51 | Vilnius, Lithuania (Lithuania) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Taiwan | Former Vice President of National Chengchi University Former President of Taiwan Society of Japanese Studies | Lin Bih-Jaw | 71 | Taipei Taiwan (Taiwan) |
| 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 | Commander, 18th Wing | Case Andrew Cunningham | 48 | Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States | Former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska Former Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission Former President (the founder) of the Japan-America Society of Alaska | Mead Treadwell | 64 | Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting the cooperation and development of women's empowerment policy between Japan and the United States | The Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security at Georgetown University Former U.S. Ambassador-at-large for Global Women's Issues Former Chief of Staff to the First Lady Hillary Clinton | Melanne Verveer | 75 | Washington D.C., 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 General of Japan in Simsbury, Connecticut | Gregory Andrew Boyko | 68 | Canton, Connecticut, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to the promotion of academic exchange and strengthening of relationships between Japan and the U.S. | Professor Emeritus of musicology, University of Michigan | William P. Malm | 92 | Ann Arbor, Michigan, 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 in the area of security cooperation | Former Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council Former Senior Counselor and Vice President, The Cohen Group Member of the Defense Policy Board | Franklin C. Miller | 69 | Washington, D.C. 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 in the field of the judiciary | Former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts | William Glover Young | 79 | Needham, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening the relationship and between Japan and the United States on national defense | Former Director for Intelligence, U.S. Forces Japan | Anthony LaVecchia | 56 | Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Israel | Professor, Faculty of the Arts, Faculty of the Humanities, Tel Aviv University | Zvika Serper | 67 | Ramat Gan, Israel (Israel) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Italy | Full Professor, Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples "L'Orientale" | Giorgio Amitrano | 62 | Roma, Lazio, Italy (Italy) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting friendly relations through music between Japan and Italy. | President of Orchestra Filarmonica del Teatro Comunale di Bologna Italian representative of the Sawakami Opera Foundation (Honorable Committee Member of the Japan Opera Festival) | Giorgio Zagnoni | 72 | Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy (Italy) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Italy | Full Professor, Department of Asian and North African Studies Ca' Foscari University of Venice | Bonaventura Ruperti | 60 | Vicenza, Veneto Italy (Italy) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to enhancing relationship between Japan and Indonesia in the field of education | Former Director-General for Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture | Achmad Jazidie | 61 | Surabaya, East Jawa, Indonesia (Indonesia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to cooperation with Japan in the field of global health and to the development of Japan's global health policy | Director of the Wellcome Trust | Jeremy Farrar | 58 | London, United Kingdom (United Kingdom) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to fostering bilateral relationship between Japan and Ethiopia, and promoting mutual exchange between parliamentary members. | Former Deputy Chairperson of Ethio-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group Member of the House of People's Representatives | Hordofa Bekele Gome | 54 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia | Former Professor, The University of Adelaide Former President, Japanese Studies Association of Australia | Purnendra Jain | 69 | Auldana, South Australia, Australia (Australia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and Austria and promoting exchanges between members of parliaments of both countries | Former Chairman of Austrian-Japanese Parliamentary Friendship Group Former Member of the Austrian National Council | Werner Neubauer | 63 | Linz, Austria (Austria) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and the Netherlands | Former Chairman, Dujat Former CEO, Yanmar Europe B.V. | Geert Jan Mantel | 70 | Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland, the Netherlands (the Netherlands) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relationship between Japan and the Republic of Kazakhstan through research for exposure to radiation | Former chairman of the Board of Directors of "Medical University Astana" Chairman of the Board of the Cooperate fund "University Medical Center" | Zhaxybay Zhumadilov | 66 | Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, (Kazakhstan) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Cambodia in the field of urban water supply | Former Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry & Handicraft Former Director General of Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority | Ek Sonn Chan | 70 | Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening of bilateral relationship between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia through port development | Chairman and CEO of Sihanoukville Port Authority | Lou Kim Chhun | 64 | Preah Sihanouk City, Preah Sohanouk Province, Cambodia (Cambodia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting Japanese medical and health care system in Kenya | Founder and Former Chairperson of Uzima Foundation Former Chairperson of the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) Former Chairperson of the Kenyan National AIDS Control Council | Miriam K. Were | 80 | Golf Course Est, Nairobi, Kenya (Kenya) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden | Former Chairman of Sweden – Japan Foundation | Bo Dankis | 66 | Cascais, Lisbon, Portugal (Sweden) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and strengthening the relationship between Japan and the Republic of Korea | Former Korean chairman of the Japan–Korea New Era Joint Research Project Former Professor of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University Chairman of the East Asia Institute | Ha Young–Sun | 72 | Seoul, the Republic of Korea (the Republic of Korea) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and strengthening relations between Japan and the Czech Republic | Professor, Faculty of Materials Science and Technology, Technical University of Ostrava | Bohumir Strnadel | 63 | Ostrava, Czech Republic (Czech Republic) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and technical cooperation in the field of agriculture between Japan and Tunisia | Former Dean of National Institute of Agronomy of Tunisia | Mohamed Moncef Harrabi | 74 | Tunis, Tunis, Tunisia (Tunisia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany | Former Professor of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Duisburg-Essen | Wolfgang Sauerwein | 67 | Essen, North Rhein- Westphalia, Germany (Germany) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the Kingdom of Belgium | Professor in the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of Liege University Director of the Centre for Japanese Studies of Liege University | Andreas Thele | 56 | Erquelines, Hainaut, Belgium (Germany) |
| 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 of the Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF) | Sohail P. Ahmed | 75 | Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the Philippines | Former Chairman of the Philippines Japan Economic Cooperation Committee Counsel for the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines | Eusebio V. Tan | 69 | Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines) |

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| 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 of Brazil – Japan Parliamentary Friendship League Former Member of Parliament of Brazil | Walter Shindi Iihoshi | 58 | Sao Paulo Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil) |
| 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 of Brazil – Japan Parliamentary Friendship League Former Member of Parliament of Brazil | Iolanda Keiko Miashiro Ota | 63 | Sao Paulo 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 of Geoenvironmental Analysis of Guarulhos University Former Professor of Institute of Geosciences of University of Sao Paulo | Kenitiro Suguio | 82 | Sao Paulo 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 | Director of Sao Paulo School of Economics – FGV Former Finance Secretary of State of Sao Paulo | Yoshiaki Nakano | 75 | Sao Paulo Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges in the field of science and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil | Professor, The Alberto Luiz Coimbra Institute for Graduate Studies and Research in Engineering, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro | Edson Hirokazu Watanabe | 67 | Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening the bilateral relation and friendship between Japan and Bulgaria | Former Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Japan | Vera Vutova-Stefanova | 71 | Sofia, Bulgaria (Bulgaria) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Vietnam | Former Director of Center for Japanese Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences | Duong Phu Hiep | 81 | Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Botswana | Chief Executive Officer of the Botswana Geoscience Institute | Tiyapo Hudson Ngwisanyi | 56 | Gaborone, Botswana (Botswana) |
| 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 | Maria Szraiber | 76 | Warsaw, Poland (Poland) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening friendly relations between Japan and Mexico and to promoting Inter-parliamentary exchange | Former President of Asia-Pacific Foreign Affairs Commission in Senate Former Senator | Teófilo Torres Corzo | 73 | San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico (Mexico) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia | Professor of the Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies of Higher School of Economics Former Professor of the Russian State University for Humanities. Former President of Russian Association of Japanese Studies | Aleksandr Mescheryakov | 69 | 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 | Chief Researcher, Dr. of Science (Professor), Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences Former President, Russian Association of Japanologists | Irina Lebedeva | 70 | Moscow, Russia (Russia) |
| 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 Chair of the Board, Japan-American Society of Tennessee, | Christine Karbowiak | 67 | Brentwood, Tennessee, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and Angola, and developing the Japanese automotive industry | President of the Association of Dealers for Road Transport Equipment and Others (ACETRO), Chairman of TOYOTA DE ANGOLA | Nuno Joaquim Borges Da Silva | 71 | Luanda, Luanda, Angola (Angola/Portugal) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Iraq on municipal level | Former Mayor of Halabja Vice President, Mayors for Peace | Kheder Kareem Mohammed Mohammed | 63 | Slemani City, Slemani Governorate, Iraq (Iraq) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to developing Japanese language education and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India | Former Professor, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi | Anita Khanna | 66 | Delhi India (India) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and India | Co-Chairman of the Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committee Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Seats Limited | Rohit Relan | 64 | Delhi, India (India) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia | Chairman of Japan Alumni Association (Persada) in East Java Associate Professor, Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Airlangga Former Vice Dean, Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Airlangga | Sherman Salim | 67 | Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia (Indonesia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting the understanding of Japan in the United Kingdom | Former Head of the Japanese Section Department of Asia British Museum | Timothy Thorburn Clark | 60 | London United Kingdom (United Kingdom) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia | Former President of Australia-Japan Society of Western Australia | Gerard Charles Boylan | 61 | Stirling, Western Australia Australia (Australia) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia | Former President of Australia Japan Society, Queensland | Ross James McConachie | 61 | Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (Australia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Guatemala | Former President of The Association of Managers of Guatemala, Actual President of CODACA group, Actual President of Sika Motors group, Actual President of INTITUTO TECNICO HINO | Danilo Antonio Siekavizza Passarelli | 76 | Guatemala City, Guatemala (Guatemala) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany | Former Chairman of the German-Japanese Society in Shleswig-Holstein Former School Principal of the Humboldt-Schule | Hans-Michael Kiefmann | 73 | Altenholz, Shleswig-Holstein Germany (Germany) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting cultural relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan | Translator Former Guest Professor at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Former General Secretary of Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) | Mohammad Rais Alvi | 73 | Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil | Former Executive President of Brazil-Japan Cultural Alliance Former President of Furukawa Electric Latam | Anselmo Nakatani | 79 | Cotia Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil) |

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| <p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p> | <p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and to strengthening relationship between Japan and Vietnam</p> | <p>Founder and former Director, Department of Japanese Language, Foreign Trade University in Hanoi</p> | <p>Tran Son</p> | <p>82</p> | <p>Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)</p> |
| <p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p> | <p>Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and strengthening the relationships between Japan and Russia</p> | <p>Senior Researcher, Associate Professor, Institute of Oriental Manuscripts of the Russian Academy of Sciences Lecturer, Japan Center in Saint Petersburg Former Lecturer, Faculty of Asian and African Studies, Saint Petersburg State University</p> | <p>Vadim Yurievich Klimov</p> | <p>71</p> | <p>Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)</p> |
| <p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette</p> | <p>Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia</p> | <p>General Director of the Far Eastern Art Museum</p> | <p>Zaporozhskaya Valentina Aleksandrovna</p> | <p>72</p> | <p>Khabarovsk City, Khabarovsk Krai, Russia (Russia)</p> |
| <p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p> | <p>Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese American society and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and the United States</p> | <p>Former President of San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center President of Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition</p> | <p>Nancy Kyoko Oda</p> | <p>74</p> | <p>Van Nuys, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p> |
| <p>The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays</p> | <p>Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States</p> | <p>President of Little Tokyo Public Safety Association Owner of Fugetsu-do</p> | <p>Brian Kito</p> | <p>63</p> | <p>Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)</p> |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United states, and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States | Past Director & Chairman, Board of Governors, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii President and General Manager, Pacific Region Baseball | Donald Mitsuo Takaki | 79 | Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Judo in Argentina and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina | President of the Argentina Judo Confederation | Oscar Oreste Cassinerio | 68 | Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina (Argentina) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japan in India and friendship between Japan and India | Former Chairman, Manipur Tourism Forum | Thangjam Dhabali Singh | 66 | Imphal, Manipur, India (India) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to strengthening economic relations and friendship between Japan and El Salvador | Former President of INSINCA, S.A. | Lorenzo Rivera Arévalo | 84 | Nuevo Cuscatlan, La Libertad, El Salvador (El Salvador) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the Netherlands and to promoting friendship between Japan and the Netherlands | Presenter, national TV personality Olympic medalist of Tokyo 1964 Former State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sports Former Chairperson of NOC * NSF | Erica Georgine Terpstra | 76 | Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, the Netherlands (the Netherlands) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and friendship and goodwill between Japan and Canada | Former Presiden of the Sumi-e Artists of Canada Former Co-Chair of Women's Auxiliary of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre | Marie Meiko Ikeda | 85 | Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to the betterment of welfare for Japanese society in Canada and promoting friendship and goodwill between Japan and Canada | Former 1st Vice-President of Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba Former President of Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre | Kumiko Lucy Yamashita | 71 | Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA (CANADA) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Guatemala | President of Guatemala Abacus Association General Director of the Abacus Calculus Study Center ISHIDO-KIRA | Kira Lucrecia Liscutin Córdova de Abreu | 58 | Guatemala City, Guatemala (Guatemala) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the Republic of Zambia | President of the Zambia JICA Fellowship Association(ZAJIFA) | Joseph Mulenga | 58 | Lusaka, Republic of Zambia (Republic of Zambia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Karate in Sri Lanka and friendly relations between Japan and Sri Lanka | Hony. President, Sri Lanka Karate-do Federation | Sisira Kumara | 57 | Nugegoda, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Sri Lanka and cultural exchanges between Japan and Sri Lanka | Film Director Committee Member of Japan Sri Lanka Friendship Cultural Fund Awards | Sumitra Peries | 86 | Colombo Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting youth exchange and friendship between Japan and Thailand and the other ASEAN member states | Former President of Association of Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Thailand | Visit Dejkumtorn | 66 | Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting municipal exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany | Mayor of City of Meerbusch | Angelika Mielke-Westerlage | 65 | Meerbusch, North Rhein- Westphalia, Germany (Germany) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to Introducing Japanese culture in the Dominican Republic, and promoting friendship between Japan and the Dominican Republic | President of Dominican Bonsai Association Vice President of Dominican Association of Monbukagakusho Scholars | Edgardo Honorato Jorge Job | 74 | Distrito Nacional, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic) |
| 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 | President of Brazilian Dekasegi Association | Teichum Hiramatsu | 72 | Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil | President of Maternity and Infancy Protection Association – Guarda Mirim at Londrina | Kimiko Yoshii | 79 | Londrina, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and Peru | First Vice President, Peruvian-Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry | Dante Aray Nozawa | 76 | Lima, Peru (Peru) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese/Peruvian community and promoting friendship between Japan and Peru | Former President of the Japanese Peruvian Association | Abel Julio Fukumoto Sato | 72 | Lima, Peru (Peru) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Honduras | Former President of Alumni Honduras Association of Japan (AHBEJA) | Julio César Mendieta Canales | 70 | Tegucigalpa M.D.C., Francisco Morazán, Honduras (Honduras) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations through music between Japan and South Africa | Jazz pianist | Abdullah Ibrahim | 85 | Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa (South Africa) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting karate in Rwanda and friendly relations between Japan and Rwanda | President of the Rwanda Karate Federation | Theogene UWAYO | 59 | Kigali, Rwanda (Rwanda) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Judo in Lebanon and strengthening friendly relations between Japan and Lebanon | President of Lebanese Judo Federation | Francois Saade | 66 | Adma, Mount Lebanon, Lebanon (Lebanon) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Russia and promoting friendship between Japan and Russia | Senior researcher of the Far Eastern Art Department of the State Museum of Oriental Art | Galina Shishkina | 70 | Moscow, Russia (Russia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States | Director, the Japan America Society of Chicago | James Allen McClung | 82 | Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese descendants in Argentina and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina | Former President of the Japanese Association of Sarmiento | Alfredo Roberto Tamagusuku | 61 | José C. Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese culture and friendship and goodwill between Japan and Canada | Former Vice-President of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre | Peter Hiroshi Wakayama | 83 | Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese descendants and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Cuba | Chair of Coordinating Committee of Japanese descendants in Cienfuegos, Villa Clara and Matanzas | Luis Miyashiro Okata | 69 | Cienfuegos, Cienfuegos, Cuba (Cuba) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil | Former President of Cultural and Sports Association of Saude Vice-President of Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Assistance | Tomio Katsuragawa | 74 | Sao Paulo Sao Paulo Brazil (Brazil) |
| 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, U. S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan | Jeffrey Jung Kim | 50 | Ota-Ku, Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and China | Former Vice Chairman of the Boao Forum for Asia Former Chief of Secretariat (Chinese side) of New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century | Jiang Xiaosong | 68 | Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan (China) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting policies of Japan in the field of marine living resources through cooperation in scientific research | Head of Japanese delegation, International Whaling Commission Scientific Committee Head of Science, Institute of Cetacean Research | Luis Alberto Pastene Pérez | 62 | Yokohama Kanagawa, Japan (Chile) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promotion of environmental health in Japan | President, Kanagawa Prefecture Chinese Restaurant Environmental Health Association Vice President, National Federation of Chinese Restaurant Environmental Health Associations | Zhang Xuejin | 77 | Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan (People's Republic of China) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany | Former Chairman of the German-Japanese Society in Lüneburg Honorary Chairman of the German-Japanese Society in Lüneburg | Burckhard Dölitzsch | 76 | Tokushima, Tokushima, Japan (Germany) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Lawyer, Embassy of Japan in Algeria | Mohamed Ali Haroun | 93 | Alger, Alger, Algeria (Algeria) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting Portuguese Language in Japan and mutual understanding between Japan and Portugal | Former Visiting Professor of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Former Professor of Portugal Cultural Center | José Marinho Afonso Álvares | 81 | Loures, Portugal (Portugal) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting Portuguese Language in Japan and mutual understanding between Japan and Portugal | Former Lecturer of Foreign Service Training Institute Former Director of Portugal Cultural Center | Maria Manuela da Silva Álvares | 74 | Loures, Portugal (Portugal) |

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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, Consulate General of Japan in Milan | Maria=Teresa Gamberale | | Milano, Lombardia, Italy (Italy) |
| 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 Turkey | Ceren Ocak | 60 | Ankara, Turkey (Turkey) |
| 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 Morocco | Saadia Bourrich | 66 | Tabriquet, Sale, Morocco. (Morocco) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays | Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Indonesia | Sugiharto | 76 | Bekasi, Jawa Barat Indonesia (Indonesia) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays | Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Local Employee, Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament | Mohamed Bebars | 66 | Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland (Switzerland, Egypt) |

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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 Hong Kong | Cheung Sai Por | 63 | Hong Kong, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays | Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Shanghai | Lu Hanxing | 62 | Shanghai, People's Republic of China (People's Republic of China) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Romania | Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Romania | Elena Pospisil | 72 | Bucharest, Romania (Romania) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to developing the English linguistic ability for Japanese diplomats and others | Former Special Chief Instructor of the Foreign Service Training Institute | Michael Newsome | 65 | Sagamihara, Kanagawa, Japan (United Kingdom) |