

2020 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	Age	Address / Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States	* President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate * Chairman of United States Senate Committee on Finance	Charles Ernest Grassley	87	New Hartford, Iowa, 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 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	Joseph F. Dunford Jr.	64	Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the economic and ICT relationship between Japan and the United Kingdom	* Former President of the Confederation of British Industry * Former Chairman of BT Group	Michael Rake	72	London, United Kingdom (United Kingdom)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to energy supply to Japan and strengthening relations between Japan and Qatar	* Former Minister of Energy and Industry * Former Chairman of the Japan-Qatar Joint Economic Committee	Mohammed bin Saleh Al Sada	59	Doha, Qatar (Qatar)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Nepal	* Former Minister for Foreign Affairs * Former Minister of Communications and General Affairs * Former Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation * Former Minister of Labor and Social Welfare	Ramesh Nath Pandey	76	Kathmandu, Bagmati Province, Nepal (Nepal)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Jordan	* Former President of the Senate * Former Prime Minister * Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Taher Masri	78	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship and goodwill between Japan and the EU	* Former President of the European Commission * Former Prime Minister of Luxembourg	Jean-Claude Juncker	65	Capellen, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific	Lewis A. Craparotta	60	Quantico, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to enhancing the cooperative relationship between Japan and the United States on nuclear safety regulation	Former Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission	Stephen Gilbert Burns	67	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates	Former Ambassador of UAE to Japan	Ahmad Ali Al Mualla	63	Dubai, Emirate of Dubai, UAE (UAE)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Egypt	* Former Minister of Planning and International Cooperation * Advisor to President of Egypt for National Security * E-JUST Board of Trustees Chairperson	Faiza Abu El-Naga	68	Cairo, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Egypt	Former Ambassador of Egypt to Japan	Hisham El-Zimaity	65	Cairo, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Africa through the TICAD process	* Former UNDP Associate Administrator (Under-Secretary-General) * UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa	Tegegnework Gettu	65	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Ethiopia)

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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 Australia	Former Ambassador of Australia to Japan	Bruce James Ross Miller	59	Canberra, ACT, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Oman in the field of education	Former Secretary General of Higher Education Council	Salem Nasser Al-Maskri	73	Muscat, Oman (Oman)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the African Union	Former Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission	Erastus Mwencha	72	Nairobi, Kenya (Kenya)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening Japan's international position and promoting understanding of Japan through international expositions	Former Secretary General of the Bureau International des Expositions	Vicente Gonzalez Loscertales	73	Ceton, Orne, Normandie, France (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Tunisia	* Former Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs * Former Senior Diplomatic Advisor to the President * President of the Tunisian-Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Hédi Ben Abbes	59	La Marsa, Tunis, Tunisia (Tunisia, France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations and friendly relations between Japan and Denmark as well as to promoting parliamentary relations between Japan and the EU	* Former Minister for Culture and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs * Former Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs and Minister for Development Cooperation * Former Chairman, Delegation for Relations with Japan, European Parliament	Bertel Haarder	76	Copenhagen, Denmark (Denmark)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and academic exchanges between Japan and France in the field of chemistry	* Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 2016 * Emeritus Professor at the University of Strasbourg	Jean-Pierre Sauvage	76	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and academic exchanges between Japan and France in the fields of physiology and medicine	* Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine 2011 * Professor at the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study * Member of the Académie Française	Jules A. Hoffmann	79	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Brunei Darussalam	* Former Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Japan * Permanent Secretary and Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Dato Paduka Haji Mohamaed Nor bin Haji Jeludin	68	Brunei-Muara, Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Madagascar	* Former Ambassador of Madagascar to Japan * Former Minister of Culture and Heritage	Mireille Mialy Rakotomalala	70	Antananarivo, Madagascar (Madagascar)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Malaysia in the energy sector	Former President and CEO of PETRONAS	Mohamad Hassan Marican	68	Selangor, Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Myanmar in the construction sector	* Union Minister for Construction * Former President, Myanmar Engineering Societies	Han Zaw	74	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (Myanmar)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the Lao PDR in the field of education and sports	* Minister of Education and Sports * President of Lao-Japan Friendship Association	Sengdeuane Lachanthaboune	66	Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relation and promoting friendship between Japan and the EU	Former Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Japan	Viorel Isticioaia-Budura	68	Bucharest, Romania (Romania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Russia in the economic sector	President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs	Alexander Shokhin	68	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defence	Former Commander of the 374th Airlift Wing	Otis C. Jones	48	Colorado, 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	Former Honorary Consul of Japan in Dallas	John M. Stich	79	Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening Japan-U.S. economic relations particularly in the meat field, and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former President and CEO of U.S. Meat Export Federation * Former President of Japan America Society of Colorado * Former President of International Meat Secretariat	Philip Seng	71	Highlands Ranch, Colorado, 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 defence	Former Vice Commander, Fifth Air Force	Todd A. Dozier	53	Washington, District of Columbia, 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 United States Chairman of the Facilities Subcommittee under the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee * Former Director, J9, Headquarters United States Forces, Japan	Jon Nufable	56	U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Omaha	George J. Behringer	77	Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening relations and parliamentary exchanges between Japan and the United States	* Former Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific * Member of the House of Representatives	Theodore Scott Yoho	65	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Algeria	Professor, Faculty of Electric Engineering, University of Science and Technology of Oran	Nasr Eddine Berrached	65	Oran, Oran, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Europe at the Council of Europe	Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe	Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni	70	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and India	Former Professor, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Prem K. Motwani	66	Delhi, India (India)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Professor of Department of Anesthesia Faculty of Medicine Hasanuddin University * Professor Emeritus of Hasanuddin University * Former Chairman of South Sulawesi Japan Alumni Association * Chairperson of AMDA Indonesia 	Andi Husni Tanra	77	Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Eritrea	Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Asmara	Michael Beyene Bairu	76	Asmara, Eritrea (Eritrea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic relationship and promoting friendship between Japan and Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chair of the Japan Society * Executive Director of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association of Canada 	David Worts	72	Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Cambodia	Former President and Professor of the Royal Academy of Cambodia	Sorn Samnang	71	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Senegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Professor of Literature of Cheikh Anta Diop University * Jury of Haiku Competition organised by the Embassy of Japan in Senegal 	Madior Diouf	80	Dakar, Senegal (Senegal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Japan at the European Parliament * Former Member of the European Parliament 	Petr Ježek	55	Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Turkey	* Former President of the Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey * Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines	Mehmet Ilker Ayci	49	Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and strengthening friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	* Former Mayor of Mogi das Cruzes * Former President of Brazil – Japan Parliamentary Friendship League * Former Member of Parliament	Junji Abe	79	Mogi das Cruzes, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and Brazil	* Former Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Brazil * Former President of National Institute for Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA) * Former President of Japan and Brazil Charitable Society Santa Cruz	Paulo Yokota	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 France	* President of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University * Former Executive Member and Chairman of the International and European Relations Committee of the Conference of French University Presidents	Jacques Comby	64	La Tour de Salvagny, Rhône, Auvergne–Rhône–Alpes, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in France and promoting friendly relations between Japan and France	* President of the Georges Pompidou National Centre for Art and Culture * Former General Secretary of the Government of France	Serge Lasvignes	66	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France	* Former Mayor of Strasbourg * Former President of French United Local Governments	Roland Ries	75	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (France)

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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 Mexico	* Professor of the University of Guadalajara * Former Director of Department of Pacific Studies of the University of Guadalajara	Melba Eugenia Maritza Falck Reyes	70	Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening relations and friendship between Japan and Mexico in the diplomatic and economic fields	* Former Director General for Pacific and Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs * Chairman for Asia Pacific of the Mexican Business Council of Foreign Trade, Investment and Technology (COMCE)	Sergio Ley López	79	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	Advisory Professor, Department of Asian Studies, National University of Mongolia	Tangaa Munkhtsetseg	64	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Latvia through music	* Musician * Former Member of Saeima of Latvia * Former Member of Saeima Group for Promoting Cooperation with the Parliament of Japan * Former Minister of Culture	Ojārs Raimonds Pauls	84	Riga, Latvia (Latvia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and strengthening economic relations between Japan and Russia	Former Governor of Kaluga Region	Anatoly Artamonov	68	Kaluga, Kaluga Region, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	President of Pacific National University	Sergey N. Ivanchenko	61	Khabarovsk City, Khabarovsk Krai, Russia (Russia)

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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	Vice President of Far Eastern State Institute of Arts and Professor at the Far Eastern State Institute of Arts	Aleksandr Kapitan	63	Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Russia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	* Former Professor, Faculty of Law, Hosei University * Former Director, Japanese Studies Centers, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences * Former President, Russian Association of Japanologists	Krvtsevich Andrey Ivanovich	71	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Russia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	* Professor Emeritus, Yamanashi Gakuin University * Former visiting professor, Hosei University * Former and the First Director, Japanese Studies Centers, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences * Former President, Russian Association of Japanologists	Sarkisov Konstantin Ogenesovich	78	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing economic and cultural relations between Japan and Russia	* Founder and Member of the Board of Directors of Eurasian Resources Group * President of International Chodiev Foundation	Patokh Chodiev	67	Moscow, Russia (Russia/Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to deepening the academic-industrial exchanges and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan in the field of nuclear safety	* Professor, Fu Jen University Graduate Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies * Advisory Committee Member, Center for Japanese Studies, National Taiwan University & Chinese Cultural University	Mu-Chang Shieh	83	Taoyuan, Taiwan

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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	* President of the Japanese American Association of New York * Founding Board Member and Former Secretary of U.S.-Japan Council	Susan Jun Onuma	64	Maplewood, New Jersey, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former Honorary Consul of Japan in Minneapolis * Former President of the Japanese America Society of Minnesota	Richard E. Stahl	78	Plymouth, Minneapolis, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Chief of Indo-Pacific Military Personnel Exchange Program & Overseas Developmental Education Operations & Continuity, Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs (SAF/IA)	Thomas Nobuo Hasebe	68	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in the agricultural sector	* Former Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, Embassy of the U.S.A. in Japan * Agricultural Trade Policy and Market Development Consultant	David Miller	68	Vienna, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and Egypt	Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Alexandria	Abdelfattah Mohamed Ragab	63	Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	* CEO of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee * Former President of the Australia-Japan Society of NSW	David Harley Jacobs	69	Northern Beaches, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
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 Association of South Australia	Jim Stewart	74	Alberton, South Australia, Australia (Australia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Managing Director, Australian and Japanese Economic Intelligence	Manuel Panagiotopoulos	63	Bayside, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting defense exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Austria	Head of Auditing Division B, Auditing Department, Ministry of Defense	Harald Pöcher	64	Vienna, Austria (Austria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan through the study of landscape architecture in and outside of the Netherlands	Former Professor of Landscape Architecture Department, the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University	Wybe Kuitert	65	Wageningen, Gelderland, Netherlands (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion and development of private-school education in Japan	* Former President of the School Board at the St. Viator * Formr School Principal at the St. Viator Rakusei Junior and Senior High School	Gaetan Labadie	80	Quebec, Quebec, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Judo in Slovenia and sports exchanges between Japan and Slovenia	* President of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia – Association of Sports Federations * Former President of Slovenian Judo Federation	Bogdan Gabrovec	67	Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia (Slovenia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Czech Republic	Associate Professor, Japanology, Institute of Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University	Jan Sýkora	59	Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Tunisia	Secretary General of the Tunisia-Japan Friendship Association	Radhia Riza	78	Tunis, Tunisia (Tunisia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic and cultural exchanges as well as mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former Secretary General of the Japanese-German Center Berlin	Friederike Bosse	58	Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Nicaragua	* CEO of CALSA Group * President of the Nicaragua Japan Business Forum	Carlos Reynaldo Lacayo Lacayo	70	Managua, Managua, Nicaragua (Nicaragua)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Finland	Former Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä	Ilmari Vesterinen	78	Helsinki, Finland (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Brazil	* Former Director of the Molecular Biology Department of the Amazon Biotechnology Center * Former Director of the Science Development Department of the Butantan Institute	Tetsuo Yamane	93	Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and France in the field of arts	Artist painter	Pierre Jean Louis Germain Soulages (Pierre Soulages)	100	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in VietNam and mutual understanding between Japan and Vietnam	* Former Principal of Dong Du Japanese Language School * Chairman of Support Group for Vietnamese Students in Japan	Nguyen Duc Hoe	80	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (Vietnam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	Mayor of Żarów City	Leszek Kazimierz Michalak	56	Żarów, Poland (Poland)

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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 South Africa	Associate Professor, University of Witwatersrand	Garth Lawrence Shelton	63	Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese language education in Mongolia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	* Translator, Interpreter * Former Lecturer, National University of Mongolia * Former Lecturer, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Nihonmatsu Training Center	Dambadarjaa Narantsetseg	68	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Lithuania	Associate Professor of Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies of Vilnius University	Dalia Svambaryte	52	Vilnius, Lithuania (Lithuania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to improving Japan's international contribution in the field of science and technology	Former Distinguished Research Fellow in National Institutes for Quantum and Radiological Science and Technology	Sergei Vladimirovich Bulanov	73	Dolní Břežany, Czech Republic (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	General Director and Chief Editor of Nezavisimaya Gazeta	Remchukov Konstantin Vadimovich	65	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in the United States	President of San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden	Dennis Yukio Otsuji	77	San Diego, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Former President of Orange Coast Optimist Club	Glenn Takeo Tanaka	63	Lake Forest, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and economic relations between Japan and the United States	* Former and the First CEO of Japan–America Society of Tennessee * Former Director of the Tennessee Export Office, Department of Economic and Community Development	Leigh A. Wieland	59	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting the understanding of Japan in the United Kingdom	Senior Curator, Japan, Asian Department, Victoria and Albert Museum	Rupert Faulkner	65	London United Kingdom (United Kingdom)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Canada and improving welfare of the Japanese Canadian community	Former President of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre	Stephen Dereck Oikawa	66	Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship and goodwill as well as mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	* Councillor of the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel * Former Chair of the Mississauga Friendship Association	Ronald E. Starr	79	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting regional relationship and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Mayor of the City of Lethbridge	Chris Spearman	67	Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the healthcare of Japanese society in Colombia	Former Chief Emergency Room, Santa Fe Foundation	Francisco Holguín Rueda	78	Chía, Cundinamarca, Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese food culture through introducing Japanese Sake in Sweden	CEO of Akebono Unlimited	Åke Nordgren	67	Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Kendo in China and promoting friendly relations between Japan and China	President, Hong Kong Kendo Association	Wong Po Kit	69	Hong Kong, China (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in China and promoting friendly relations between Japan and China	President of the Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	Pui Kwan Kay	69	Hong Kong, China (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Germany and promoting friendship between Japan and Germany	Curator of the Asian Collection, Museum Angewandte Kunst	Stephan Graf von der Schulenburg	61	Frankfurt am Main, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Chairman of the Siebold Society	Udo Beireis	55	Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	* Former President of MAAP (Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Pakistan) * Visiting Professor at the Department of Japanese Language, National University of Modern Languages (NUML)	Zafar Mahmood	67	Islamabad, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese international cooperation and promoting Japanese culture in Brazil	President of the Zildêni Falcão Group	Zildêni Falcão de Oliveira	79	Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	* Former President of Nippon Country Club * Former Vice-President of Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Assistance	Sadao Kayano	86	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	President of Japanese Brazilian Cultural Association of Alta Sorocabana	Toshio Koketsu	80	Presidente Prudente, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of Japanese Brazilians community and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	* Former President of Maringá Cultural and Sport Association * Former President of Francisco Xavier Cultural and Social Center * President of Brazil Japan Cultural Alliance of Paraná	Eduardo Temiziro Suzuki	74	Maringá, Paraná, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and friendship between Japan and France	Former President of France-Japan Association of Ain	Gabrielle Marie Madeleine Toufflet	90	Ceyzérieu, Ain, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and France	Former Chief Curator of Orsay Museum	Caroline Mathieu	71	Varengueville-sur-mer, Seine-Maritime, Normandie, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and France through facilitating a sister city relationship	Chairperson, Chamonix-Fujiyoshida Sister City Committee	Chantal Lafuma	71	Chamonix Mont Blanc, Haute-Savoie, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cooperation in the security field between Japan and Vietnam	Former Deputy Head of North-East Asia Division, External Security Department, Ministry of Public Security	Nguyen Hoang Long	59	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)

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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 * Former President of Peru Hiroshima Kenjin Kai	Francisco Okada Tooyama	70	Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in Bosnia and Herzegovina and enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Bosnia and Herzegovina	President of Judo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Branislav Crnogorac	68	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare for Japanese community in Mexico and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Mexico	* President of the Mexican-Japanese Association * Former Member of the Mazatlan City Council	Kazuga Osaka Esperanza Mazako	73	Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese art in Russia and promoting friendship between Japan and Russia	* Adviser to the Director General of the State Museum of Oriental Art * Former first Deputy Director General of the State Museum of Oriental Art	Tatiana Metaxa	75	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japan in Taiwan and friendship between Japan and Taiwan	Chairman of the Research Society of Dr.Ikegami Ichiro Memorial Library	Liu Yao-Tsu	89	Pingtung, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Chief of Administration, Chado Urasenke Tankokai Boston Association	Glenn Alfred Pereira	69	Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese descendents in Argentina and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina	* Lawyer * Legal Advisor of Federation of Nikkei Associations in Argentina * Legal Advisor of Seibu Japanese Association	Stella Maris Masuda	74	Ituzaingo, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in Russia and strengthening friendly relations between Japan and Russia	President of Sakhalin Judo and Sambo Federation	Aleksandor Kardash Ivanovich	60	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Sakhalin Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in Taiwan and friendship between Japan and Taiwan	Secretary-General, Institute of Historical Resources Management	Chiu Ru-Hwa	74	Taipei City, 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	Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander, Submarine Group Seven and Task Force 74	Harry Lewis Ganteaume	56	Yokosuka, Tokyo, Japan (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and China	* Former Chairman of The Japan Society of Hong Kong * Former President of Hong Kong Japanese Restaurant Association * Chairman of AJI-NO-CHINMI Co.(HK) LTD	Frankie P Wu	80	Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka, Japan (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting policies of Japan in the field of sustainable use of marine living resources	Former Counsellor of the Institute of Cetacean Research	Dan Goodman	74	Naka-gun, Kanagawa, Japan (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing French culture in Japan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and France	* Fasion Coordinator * Former Member of Round Table "Vision of lif at 85 years old" organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	Marie Ep Nagataki Françoise Jacqueline Andrée (Françoise Moréchand)	84	Kanazawa-shi Ishikawa Japan (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Iran and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Iran	* Translator * Film Producer	Shohreh Golparian	65	Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan (Iran)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and the Lao PDR and Lao language education to Japanese diplomats	* President, Action with Lao Children * Former Lao Language Teacher, the Foreign Service Training Institute	Chanthasone Inthavong	67	Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Lao PDR)
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 India	Satish Kumar Kapoor	83	Delhi, 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 India	Netra Singh	84	Delhi, 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 India	Mandhir Dogra	74	Delhi, 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 India	Lalit Mohan Baluni	67	Delhi, 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 India	Kailash Chandra Pande	74	Delhi, 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 India	Parameshwaran Janardhanan Pillai	73	Karnataka, India (India)

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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 Sri Lanka	Janak Jeevantha Bandaranayake	61	Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
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 Bolivia	Jorge Guillermo Omoya Benitez	65	La Paz City, La Paz, Bolivia (Bolivia)
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 Penang	Khoo Swee Hong	60	Penang, Penang, Malaysia (Malaysia)
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 Saint-Petersburg	Aleksei Dmitrievich Nasilov	60	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
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	Nugroho Subhanu	84	East Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Egypt	Mohamed Amer Mohamed Abdel=Razek	62	6 October, Giza, Egypt (Egypt)
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 Thailand	Charnprasertsuk Nathathai	61	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Consular Office of Japan in Dalian, Consulate General of Japan in Shenyang	Lin Chengde	62	Dalian, Liaoning, China (China)
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	Eleodoro Gavilán Pérez	76	Santiago, Chile (Chile)
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 Lao PDR	Thongsy Misavane	60	Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former Professor, Faculty of Letters, Doshisya University	Klaus Spennemann	82	Joyo-shi, Kyoto, Japan (Germany)