

## 2021 Spring 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 the relationship between Japan and the United States on intelligence cooperation	* Former Director of National Intelligence * Former Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence	James R. Clapper Jr.	80	Virginia, 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 Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force (General)	David L. Goldfein	62	Washington, District of Columbia U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening cooperation between Japan and the World Intellectual Property Organization in the field of intellectual property	Former Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization	Francis Gurry	69	Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland  (Australia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Australia	* Former Prime Minister of Australia * Chair of Beyond Blue * Chair of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership * Chair of the Global Partnership for Education	Julia Eileen Gillard	59	Adelaide, Southern Australia, Australia  (Australia)
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 Council * Former Prime Minister of Poland	Donald Tusk	64	Brussels, Belgium  (Poland)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Mongolia	* Former Chairman of the State Great Hural * Former Chair of the Standing Committee on Security and Foreign Policy * Former Member of Mongolia-Japan Parliamentary Group	Danzan Lundejantsan	63	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Jordan	* Former Prime Minister and Minister of Defense * Former Minister of Foreign Affairs	Hani al-Mulki	70	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)
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 Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and Chairperson of the Military Intelligence Board	Robert P. Ashley, Jr.	61	Washington, District of Columbia U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and African Union in the field of peace and security	Former African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security	Smail Chergui	64	Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Iran	* Former Ambassador of Iran to Japan * Former Deputy Foreign Minister on Economic Affairs	Mohsen Talaie	67	Tehran, Tehran, Iran (Iran)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and India	Former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India	Nripendra Misra	76	New Delhi, Delhi, India (India)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Australia	* Former Chair of the Australia/Japan Parliamentary Group * Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources * Member of the House of Representatives	Warren George Entsch	70	Cairns, Queensland, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Cambodia	* Chairman of Cambodia-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group * Member of National Assembly	Chheang Vun	70	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Cuba	* Former Ambassador of Cuba to Japan * Former Vice Minister of Foreign Trade * Former President of the Chamber of Commerce	Amadeo Blanco Valdés-Fauly	88	Cerro, La Habana, Cuba (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Kenya	Former Ambassador of Kenya to Japan	Dennis N. O. Awori	66	Nairobi, Kenya (Kenya)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations between Japan, Latin America and the Caribbean region	Former President of Inter-American Development Bank	Luis Alberto Moreno	67	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Rector of Hedelberg Universty and Professor for Physical Geography	Bernhard Eitel	61	Heidelberg, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germay (Germany)

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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 Bhutan	* Former Minister of Home Affairs * Former Ambassador of Bhutan to Japan	Dago Tshering	79	Lubding, Thimphu, Bhutan  (Bhutan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and France on national defense	Former Chief of Staff, French Navy	Christophe Prazuck	60	Paris, Ile-de-France, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and France on national defense	Former Chief of Staff, French Army	Jean-Pierre Bosser	61	Lyon, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France  (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Romania	Former Ambassador of Romania to Japan	Radu-Petru Serban	69	Bucharest, Romania  (Romania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Lebanon	* Former President of the Parliamentary Committee for the Lebanese-Japanese Friendship * Former Minister of Economy and Trade	Yassine Jaber	70	Beirut, Lebanon  (Lebanon)
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 Oklahoma City	Lloyd T. Hardin, Jr.	72	Edmond, Oklahoma, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to cooperation on the Japanese economic and fiscal policy and promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in the field of economic and fiscal policy	President of the Peterson Institute for International Economics	Adam S. Posen	55	Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)

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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 the United States	Former Professor of the University of Colorado	Joyce C. Lebra	95	Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchange between Japan and the United States	* Former Co-Chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan * Member of the House of Representatives	William Hollis Long II	65	Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the UK	* Former Professor of Japanese Studies, Nottingham University Business School * Chairman, Japan Society of Scotland	Ian Gow	76	Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Ecuador	* President of the Interparliamentary Group of Reciprocal Friendship and Coordination Ecuador – Japan * Member of National Assembly * Former Prefectural Governor of Loja	Raúl Auquilla Ortega	68	Loja, Loja, Ecuador (Ecuador)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the Netherlands	Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Rotterdam	Willem Folef Hooft Graafland	82	Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands (Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden in the economic and social fields	Former Director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies	Marie Söderberg	68	Stockholm, Stockholm, 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 Vice Chancellor of University of Sri Jayawardenepura * Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education	Sampath Priyantha Perera Amaratunge	56	Dehiwala, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Serbia	* Former Head of the Parliamentary Friendship Group with Japan * Former Member of Parliament * Former Mayor of the City of Nis	Goran Ciric	60	Belgrade, Serbia  (Serbia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Thailand	* Former Vice-President of Japan-Thailand Parliamentary Friendship League * Former Member of the Senate * Founder of the Duang Prateep Foundation	Prateep Ungsongtham Hata	68	Bangkok, Thailand  (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	* Former Professor , Institute of East Asian Studies of the University of Duisburg-Essen * Vice President, Japanese-German Center Berlin * Chairman of the Board of JaDe, the Foundation for Japanese-German Cultural Relations	Werner Pascha	63	Dusseldorf, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contribute to promoting academic exchange in the environmental fields between Japan and Germany	* Former President, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy * Co-Chair, German-Japanese Energy Transition Council	Peter Hennicke	79	Wuppertal, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	* President of Radio and Television Bandeirantes * Former President of Brazilian Broadcasters Association (ABRA)	João Carlos Saad	69	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil  (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic and local government exchanges as well as mutual understanding between Japan and France	Former President of Eurometropolis of Strasbourg	Robert Herrmann	66	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 mutual understanding between Japan and France in the field of international politics	* Former Special Advisor, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) * Special Advisor, Montaigne Institute	Dominique Moïsi	74	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Vietnam	* Rector of Nam Can Tho University * Former Professor at Can Tho University	Vo Tong Xuan	80	Can Tho City, Vietnam (Vietnam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Vietnam	Former President of Vietnam Television	Tran Binh Minh	62	Hanoi, Viet Nam (Viet Nam)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship in the fields of diplomacy and international law and promoting friendship between Japan and Poland	* Former Adviser to the President of the Republic of Poland (Asian Policy Affairs) * Former Professor of Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw * Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	Stanisław Pawlak	87	Konstancin-Jeziorna, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Lithuania	* Former Deputy Head of the Group for Inter-Parliamentary Relations with Japan * Member of the Parliament	Emanuelis Zingeris	63	Vilnius, Lithuania (Lithuania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Russia and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Professor at the Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (MGIMO-University)	Tatiana Gurevich	75	Moscow, Russia (Russia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Russia through music	* Violist * Artistic Director of the 'Moscow Soloists' Chamber Ensemble * Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the New Russia State Chamber Orchestra * Founder, Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Youth Symphonic Orchestra of Russia	Yuri Bashmet	68	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and Taiwan on science and technology	* Former Chairman, Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) * Former Chairman, Science and Technology Interchange Committee, East Asian Relations Association * Former Chairman, Association for Taiwan-Japan Cooperation on Industrial Technology (TJCIT)	Tsay Ching-Yen	76	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Chairman of Japan America Society of Georgia	Sachi Koto	69	Jasper, Georgia, 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 the United States	* Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Columbus * Former President of the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio	Philip Andrew Barth	75	Dublin, Ohio, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)



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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Karate in Italy and friendly relations between Japan and Italy	* Former Vice President of World Karate Federation * Former Vice President of Italian Federation of Judo, Wrestling, Karate and Martial Arts (FIJLKAM)	Giuseppe Pellicone	89	Reggio Calabria, Calabria, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to enhancing quality reputations of Japanese industrial technologies and products and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	Chairman and CEO of Alcantara S.p.A.	Andrea Boragno	70	Milano, Lombardia, Italy (Italy)
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 Victoria	Murray Sayers	75	Kew, Victoria, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese Studies in Canada and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Associate Professor of the Department of History of Carleton University	Jacob Kovalio	77	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Colombia	Former Professor of Graduate School of Architecture and Design, Pontifical Javeriana University	Javier Peinado Pontón	74	Bogota D.C., Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand	* Professor, Department of Japanese Language, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University * Former President of Language and Culture Teachers Association of Thailand	Warintorn Wuwongse	64	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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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 Tunisia	* Vice-President of the Tunisia-Japan Friendship Association * CEO of Atlantis Voyages	Kamel Lagha	61	Tunis, Tunis, Tunisia  (Tunisia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to creating business opportunities for Japanese companies and promoting friendship between Japan and Germany	Former President of Messe Dusseldorf GmbH	Werner Matthias Dornscheidt	67	Dusseldorf, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany  (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	* Former First Secretary for Press and Culture of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tokyo * Former Managing Member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the European Japan Experts Association * Former Head of Project Management of the Japanese-German Center Berlin	Wolfgang Brenn	68	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 Pakistan	* Director of National Engineering Corporation * President of Pak-Japan Friendship Society (PJFS), Balochistan * Honorary Technical Advisor in the Federal Board of Investment (BOI)	Syed Feroz Alam Shah	71	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan  (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Bangladesh	* First and Former President of Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry * Chairman & Managing Director of Uttara Group of Companies * President of Bangladesh Motorcycle Assemblers & Manufacturers Association	Matiur Rahman	68	Dhaka, Bangladesh  (Bangladesh)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	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	William Boss Woo	52	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Brazil and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	Principal of the Sao Francisco Xavier School	Eliza Mitie Shiozaki	69	Maringa, Parana, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	* Former Full Professor of Medicine at Sao Paulo State University * President of the Nikkei Medical Association	Milton Massato Hida	83	Alameda Aquarius, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese studies in France and mutual understanding between Japan and France	Former Professor at the Faculty of Languages of the University of Strasbourg	Christiane Seguy	65	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia	* Associate Professor, University of Malaya, Malaysia * Former Head, Malaysia-Japan Research Center (MJRC) * Former Secretary-General, Malaysian Association of Japanese Studies (MAJAS)	Md Nasrudin bin Md Akhir	57	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the Republic of South Africa through disaster relief	* Founder Member and CEO of Rescue Suth Africa * Former Head of the Rescue Team from South Africa to Great East Japan Earthquake	Ian Michael Scher	71	Johannesburg, Gauteng, Republic of South Africa (Republic of South Africa)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former President of Japan America Society of Southern California * Former President of Sister City Association of Huntington Beach	Douglas Erber	55	Long Beach, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the preservation of Japanese American history in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former President of Oregon Nikkei Endowment * Former President of Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland	Henry Shigehiro Sakamoto	94	Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Writer and Author	Ann McClellan	71	U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Ikebana Art in Argentina and friendly relations between Japan and Argentina	Former Presidente of Ikebana International Argentina Chapter	Susana Mabel Agüero de Pollicelli	91	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese language and culture in India and friendship between Japan and India	* Former Director of the Japanese Language School * Former President of the Bangalore Chapter of Ohara Ikebana	Shyamala Ganesh	79	Bengaluru, Karnataka, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Ikebana in India and friendly relations between Japan and India	* Former President of the Ikebana International Gurgaon Chapter * Former President of the Ohara School of Ikebana Delhi Chapter	Indira Misra	69	Gurugram, Haryana, India (India)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese economic cooperation in Eritrea	Liaison Officer and Consultant in JICA Eritrea Liaison Office	Gebremichael Estifanos Seghid	77	Asmara, Eritrea (Eritrea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Austria through promoting sister-city exchanges	* Former District Chairman of the 17th District of Vienna (Hernals) * President of the Hernals-Fuchu Friendship Society	Robert Pflieger	82	Vienna, Austria (Austria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	Former Delegate General of Québec in Tokyo	Suzanne Ethier	72	Boucherville, Québec, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese food in China	Great Master of China Cooking Culture	Wan Tat Kong	71	Hong Kong, China (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting sports and cultural exchanges between Japan and Kenya	Former Marathon Athlete	Douglas M. Wakiihuri	57	Nairobi, Kenya (Kenya)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Colombia	Former President of ACOJE (Monbukagakusho Alumni Association of Colombia)	Germán Piñeres Silva	54	Bogota D.C., Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese food in China	Managing Director of Forum Restaurant	Yeung Koon Yat	88	Hong Kong, China (China)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese literature in Denmark and mutual understanding between Japan and Denmark	Traslator	Mette Holm	62	Esrum, Denmark (Denmark)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	* President, German-Japanese Society in Bielefeld * President, German-Japanese Synergy Forum Sanriku Fukkou	Gesa Neuert	65	Bielefeld, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to maintaining Japanese graves in Bangladesh	Former Country Manager of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Bangladesh	Mohd. Abu Sayed	71	Narayanganj, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese food culture in Brazil	* Former President of Sakura Nakaya Foods * President of Industrial Union of Sweets and Preserved Foods of State of Sao Paulo	Renato Kenji Nakaya	76	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	* Former President of Association of Cultural, Sports, and Agricultural of Suzano (ACEAS Nikkey) * Former Suzano City Council Member	Luiz Higashi	70	Suzano, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	President of Japan-Brazil Culture and Recreation Club of Brasilia	Roberto Mamoru Fugimoto	71	Park Way, DF, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare for Japanese community in Mexico and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Mexico	Former President of Japan Association in Tijuana	Nakamura Hatano Koogi	81	Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico (Mexico)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese culture in Luxembourg and friendly relations between Japan and Luxembourg	Former President of Friends of Japan	Roland J. Gaul	65	Diekirch, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Russia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	Translator, Interpreter	Galina Rybina	68	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Taiwan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Translator	Tsai Kun-lin	90	Taipei City, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Former Chairman of Chia-Nan Irrigation Association	Yang Ming-Feng	72	Tainan, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in Azerbaijan and friendly relations between Japan and Azerbaijan	* Former Head Coach of National Judo Team of the Republic of Azerbaijan * President and Coach of KANOKAN-TT Professional Judo Sports Club	Tarlan Hasanov	78	Baku, Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in Azerbaijan and friendly relations between Japan and Azerbaijan	* Former Head Coach of National Paralympic Judo Team of Azerbaijan * Former Head Coach of National Judo Team of Azerbaijan	Ahmaddin Rajabli	75	Sumgayit, Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese American community in the United States	* Former Manager, Legacy Center Archives and Library, Japanese American Service Committee * Executive Director, Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago	Karen Izui Kanemoto	70	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese American community in the United States	* Former Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations * Former President of Nisei Week Foundation	David Mikio Yamahata	68	Pasadena, California, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese dance in the United States and friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Dancer, Instructor of Japanese dance	Doris Hrubant	97	Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.  (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing welfare of Japanese descendents in Argentina and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Argentina	President of Nikkei University Association, Japanese Senior Citizens Friendship Association	Maria Isabel Teruya	79	Buenos Aires, Argentina  (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Australia and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Former Japanese Language Officer, Department of Education, New South Wales Government	Sally Lorraine Shimada	72	Northern Beaches, New South Wales, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Australia and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	* Former Japanese Language Officer, Department of Education, New South Wales Government * Former Language Consultant, Japanese Language Department, The Japan Foundation, Sydney	Catherine Marie Jonak	75	Willoughby City, New South Wales, Australia  (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and Sri Lanka through baseball	Former General Secretary of Sri Lanka Amateur Baseball/Softball Association	Kachchakaduge Manoj Caushalya Fernando	54	Wattala, Sri Lanka  (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting friendly relationship between Japan and Brazil	President of Japan Brazil Cultural and Sport Association of Nova Friburgo	Motomu Watanabe	74	Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  (Brazil)



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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting traditional Japanese dance in Peru and friendly relations between Japan and Peru	Instructor and choreographer of Japanese dance	Laura Elena Shimazaki Okada	87	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)
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, Fleet Activities, Sasebo * Deputy and Chief of Staff, Commander, U. S. Naval Forces Japan	Brad Lawrence Stallings	54	Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on national defense	Former Department of Defense Official	Kevin M. Novak	70	Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Japan)
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 Colombia	Germán Domingo Rodríguez Tavera	62	Bogota D.C., Colombia (Colombia)
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 Chiang Mai	Siriwan Nillavesana	60	Chiang Mai, Thailand (Thailand)
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	Noale Kleit	66	Conakry, Guinea (France)
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 Malaysia	Lalitha Ramaswamy Iyer	62	Selangor, Malaysia (Malaysia)

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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 Mumbai	Luis Anton Fernandes	62	Virar, Maharashtra, India (India)
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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in China	Zhou Dong	56	Beijing, 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 China	Zhang Qiang	61	Beijing, China (China)
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