

## 2021 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

| Decoration                                  | Services  | Major Titles  | Name                     | Age | Address / Nationality                            |
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| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States   | Former Ambassador of the United States to Japan   | Caroline Bouvier Kennedy | 63  | New York, New York, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)       |
| 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 Parliament<br>* Former Vice-President of the European Commission<br>* Member of the European Parliament                                | Antonio Tajani           | 68  | Rome, Lazio, Italy<br><br>(Italy)                |
| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Uzbekistan          | * Former Ministry of Foreign Affairs<br>* First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis<br>* Former Chairman of the Uzbekistan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League | Sodiq Solikhovich Safoev | 67  | Tashket, Uzbekistan<br><br>(Uzbekistan)          |
| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Micronesia                                   | * Former Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs<br>* Former Chief of Staff  | Ieske K. Iehsi           | 66  | Kolonia, Pohnpei, Micronesia<br><br>(Micronesia) |
| Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun | Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan                           | * Former Head of Taiwan Delegation for Consolation to Great East Japan Earthquake<br>* Honorary Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Parliament Members Friendship Association        | Wang Jin-Ping            | 80  | Taipei, Taiwan                                   |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | 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<br>* United States Senator<br>* Former Member of the House of Representatives   | Shelley Moore Capito  | 67 | Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchange between Japan and the United States | * Co-Chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan<br>* United States Senator<br>* Former Member of the House of Representatives  | Mazie Keiko Hirono    | 74 | Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and the United States in the space field                             | * Former Executive Secretary of the National Space Council and Former Deputy Assistant to the President<br>* Director and Professor, the Space Policy Institute, Elliott School of International Affairs, the George Washington University; | Scott Pace            | 62 | Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)                     |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States                   | Former Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky   | Steve Beshear         | 77 | Lexington city, Commonwealth of Kentucky, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Iran       | * Former Head of Iran-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group<br>* Former Member of Parliament<br>* Former Deputy Foreign Minister in Asia-Pacific   | Ala' eddin Boroujerdi | 70 | Tehran City, Tehran Province, Iran<br><br>(Iran)                 |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening Japan–Africa relations through the TICAD process                               | Former Under–Secretary–General and Special Advisor on Africa to the UN Secretary General   | Maged Abdelfatah Abdelaziz         | 67 | New York, New York, U.S.A.<br>(Egypt)  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Egypt                            | Minister of Tourism and Antiquities  | Khaled El–Enany                    | 50 | New Cairo, Cairo, Egypt<br>(Egypt)     |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Egypt                            | * Former Secretary General of Supreme Council of Antiquities<br>* Former Minister of State for Antiquities Affairs   | Zahi Hawass                        | 74 | 6th of October, Giza, Egypt<br>(Egypt) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting academic exchange between Japan and Ethiopia | * Former State Minister of Science and Higher Education<br>* Former State Minister of Foreign Affairs<br>* Former State Minister of Science and Technology | Afewerk Kassu Gizaw                | 50 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia<br>(Ethiopia)    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and Oman on national defense                        | The Minister Responsible for Defence Affairs   | Badr Bin Saud Bin Hareb Al Busaidi | 71 | Muscat, Oman<br>(Oman)                 |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Kazakhstan      | Former Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Japan   | Kamalidinov Akylbek Absatovich     | 59 | Otawa, Canada<br>(Kazakhstan)          |

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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 Kazakhstan          | Former Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Japan   | Yerlan Kenesuly Baudarbek-Kozhatayev | 54 | Athens, Greece<br>(Kazakhstan)                  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Canada | * Former Co-chair of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group<br>* Former Senator  | David Tkachuk                        | 76 | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada<br>(Canada)     |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting economic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Colombia                  | * Former Ambassador of Colombia to Japan<br>* CEO of the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation<br>* Co-chairman of the Japan-Colombia Joint Economic Committee | Roberto Velez Vallejo                | 62 | Bogota, D.C. Colombia<br>(Colombia)             |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Zambia              | Former Ambassador of Zambia to Japan   | Ndiyoi Muliwana Mutiti               | 60 | Lusaka, Zambia<br>(Zambia)                      |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Jamaica             | * Former Ambassador of Jamaica to Japan<br>* Former Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade                                     | Paul Anthony Robotham                | 66 | Stony Hill, St. Andrew, Jamaica<br>(Jamaica)    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and friendship between Japan and Korea                               | * Former Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism<br>* Actor  | Yu In Chon                           | 70 | Seoul, Republic of Korea<br>(Republic of Korea) |

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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 Tajikistan | * Former Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of Japanese-Tajik friendship<br>* Former Deputy Member of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of Majlisi Oli (Lower House of Parliament)                 | Olim Salimzoda                      | 65 | Dushanbe, Tajikistan<br>(Tajikistan)                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Nigeria                       | * Former Ambassador of Nigeria to Japan<br>* Former Professor, Department of Agricultural Engineering, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Federal University of Technology Minna | Mohammed Gana Yisa                  | 62 | Ilorin, Kwara state, Nigeria<br>(Nigeria)                  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Nicaragua                     | Former Ambassador of Nicaragua to Japan  | Saúl Arana Castellón                | 72 | Managua, Managua, Nicaragua<br>(Nicaragua)                 |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Nepal                              | Founding Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (Nepal Central Bank)  | Himalaya Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana | 93 | Kathmandu, Bagmati, Nepal<br>(Nepal)                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and the Philippines on national defense                           | Former Secretary of National Defense   | Voltaire T. Gazmin                  | 77 | Parañaque City, Metro Manila, Philippines<br>(Philippines) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting economic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil                             | * Former Chairman of Brazil-Japan Business Council<br>* Former Member of Wise-men Group on the Japan-Brazil Strategic Economic Partnership<br>* Former President and CEO of Vale S.A.            | Murilo Pinto De Oliveira Ferreira   | 68 | Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil<br>(Brazil)         |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Malaysia   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* President of Malaysia–Japan Economic Association (MAJECA)</li> <li>* Chairman, ASEAN–Japan Business Meeting (AJBM) Malaysia</li> <li>* Chairman, East Asia Business Council (EABC) Malaysia</li> <li>* Group Chairman, AmBank Group</li> </ul> | Azman Hashim                     | 82 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia)            |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Malaysia through people-to-people exchanges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Director General of Public Service</li> <li>* Former Secretary General, Ministry of Transport</li> </ul>   | Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman | 59 | Putrajaya, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia)               |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Malaysia                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Former Ambassador of Malaysia to Japan</li> <li>* Former Chief of Protocol, Department of Protocol and Consular, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul>  | Shaharuddin bin Md Som           | 67 | Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Malaysia in the field of maritime law enforcement | Former Director General of Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency  | Ahmad Puzi bin Ab Kahar          | 65 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia)            |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Malaysia                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Former Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>* Former Ambassador of Malaysia to Japan</li> </ul>   | Mohd Radzi bin Abdul Rahman      | 68 | Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia)     |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Mauritania               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Former Ambassador of Mauritania to Japan</li> <li>* Former Minister of Planning</li> <li>* Former Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy</li> </ul>  | Taki Ould Sidi                   | 76 | Nouakchott, Mauritania<br>(Mauritania)          |

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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 Laos                                   | * Former Ambassador of Laos to Japan<br>* Former President of the Laos-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association<br>* Former Member of Parliament   | Khenthong Nuanthasing | 66 | Vientiane Capital, Laos<br>(Laos)        |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star       | Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Romania                                | Former Ambassador of Romania to Japan  | Aurelian Neagu        | 62 | Bucharest, Romania<br>(Romania)          |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star       | Contributed to promoting economic relations as well as scientific and technological exchanges between Japan and Taiwan             | * Chairperson, Science and Technology Interchange Committee, Taiwan-Japan Relations Association<br>* Honorary Senior Advisor, Taiwan-Japan Industrial Collaboration Promotion Office (TJPO)    | Ho Mei-Yueh           | 70 | Taipei Taiwan                            |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States                           | * Robert D. Burch Professor of Economics and Law, Department of Economics and School of Law , University of California, Berkeley<br>* Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research | Alan Jeffrey Auerbach | 70 | Berkeley, California, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting collaborative relations between Japan and the United States in the area of information and communications | Former Ambassador, U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State   | David A. Gross        | 67 | Montgomery, Maryland, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defense                                       | Former Director for Intelligence, United States Forces, Japan  | Don Eliot Cheramie    | 52 | Maryland, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.)             |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defence            | Former Commander of the 35th Fighter Wing   | Kristopher W. Struve     | 47 | El Paso, Colorado, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.)                |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defense            | * Former Deputy and Chief of Staff, Commander, U. S. Naval Forces Japan<br>* Former Commanding Officer, NAF Misawa  | Keith Matthew Henry      | 53 | Orange Park, Florida, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.)             |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defense            | * Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters Marine Corps<br>* Former Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing<br>* Former Deputy Commander of the United States Forces Japan | Christopher J. Mahoney   | 56 | Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A.<br>(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 United States | * Professor Emerita, Department of Counselor Education, Northeastern Illinois University<br>* Former President, Heiwa Terrace<br>* Vice President, Chicago Japanese American Council              | Alice Kishiye Murata     | 81 | Chicago, Illinois U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.)                 |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defense            | * Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy<br>* Director of the Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory            | Bradley House Roberts Jr | 67 | Redwood City, California, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A.)         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting Japan's economic cooperation policies through the OECD                         | Former Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development   | Mario Pezzini            | 65 | Paris, Île-de-France, France<br>(Italy)              |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting economic exchange between Japan and Australia   | * Former Vice President of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee<br>* Former Chief Executive Officer of Rio Tinto Group                                  | Samuel Maurice Cossart Walsh | 71 | Perth, Western Australia, Australia<br>(Australia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain   | President of the Regional Government of Galicia  | Alberto Núñez Feijóo         | 60 | Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain<br>(Spain)  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Thailand   | * Former President of Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology<br>* Former President of Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan)                                    | Bandhit Rojarayanont         | 71 | Bangkok, Thailand<br>(Thailand)                    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in the Republic of Korea and mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Korea | * Professor, Division of Japanese Language and Literature, Pukyong National University<br>* Former President, Korea-Japan Cultural Exchange Association                | Son Dong Ju                  | 61 | Busan, Republic of Korea<br>(Republic of Korea)    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to improving medical service and welfare for Japanese people in China  | * Director of Shanghai International Medical Center<br>* Former Director of Punan Hospital of Shanghai   | Liu Wei-dong                 | 61 | Shanghai, China<br>(China)                         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany   | * Professor of Computer Science, University of Kaiserslautern<br>* Executive Director of the DFKI Kaiserslautern<br>* Chairperson of Flexible Factory Partner Alliance | Andreas Dengel               | 60 | Otterberg, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany<br>(Germany)   |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Turkey   | * Former President & Chairman of Ronesans Holding<br>* President of Ronesans Holding                    | Erman Ilicak            | 54 | Ankara, Turkey<br>(Turkey)   |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines            | * School President, MINDANAO KOKUSAI DAIGAKU<br>* President, PHILIPPINE NIKKEI JIN KAI RENGOKAI         | Ines Yamanouchi Mallari | 50 | Davao, Philippines<br>(Philippines)  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting Japanese Studies in Finland and mutual understanding between Japan and Finland          | * Former Professor of History, University of Oulu<br>* Former Chairman of Oulu Finnish Japanese Society | Olavi Kaarlo Fält       | 75 | Oulu, Pohjois-Pohjanmaa, Finland<br>(Finland)                              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Brazil and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil | Professor of Department of Languages of Faculty of Humanities at Ceara State University                 | Laura Tey Iwakami       | 70 | Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil<br>(Brazil)                                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France               | Mayor of Paris  | Ana-Maria Hidalgo       | 62 | Paris, Ile-de-France, France<br>(France/Spain)                             |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and France               | President of the Île-de-France Regional Council   | Valérie Pécresse        | 54 | Saint-Ouen-sur-Seine, Ile-de-France, Seine-Saint-Denis, France<br>(France) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Bulgaria through music     | * Former Vice Rector, National Academy of Music "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov"<br>* Former Professor, National Academy of Music "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov"<br>* Violinist, Conductor  | Angel Stankov                    | 73 | Sofia,<br>Sofia,<br>Bulgaria<br><br>(Bulgaria)         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting defense cooperation between Japan and Vietnam   | Former Deputy Minister of Defense   | Nguyen Chi Vinh                  | 64 | Hanoi,<br>Vietnam<br><br>(Vietnam)                     |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Peru                      | * Former Rector of the National University of Engineering (UNI)<br>* Principal Professor of the National University of Engineering (UNI), Faculty of Civil Engineering<br>* Former Director of Japan-Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation (CISMID) | Jorge Elías Domingo Alva Hurtado | 73 | Lima,<br>Lima,<br>Peru<br><br>(Peru)                   |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia   | * Former Chairman of Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama)<br>* Former President, Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies   | Azman Ujang                      | 70 | Batu Caves,<br>Selangor,<br>Malaysia<br><br>(Malaysia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to developing Japanese studies in Mexico and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico | Research Professor of the Center of Asian and African Studies of the College of Mexico  | Alfredo Román Zavala             | 69 | Metepéc,<br>State of Mexico,<br>Mexico<br><br>(Mexico) |

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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 Russia  | Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council  | Andrey Vadimovich Kortunov   | 64 | Moscow, Russia<br>(Russia)                      |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia   | * Chairman of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences<br>* Vice President of the Russian Academy of Sciences                   | Valentin Sergienko           | 77 | Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia<br>(Russia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia  | Rector of Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO–University)   | Anatoly Vasilievich Torkunov | 71 | Moscow, Russia<br>(Russia)                      |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and Russia through theatre arts   | People's artist of Russian Federation<br>Artistic Director of the National Drama Theatre of Russia (Alexandrinsky Theatre)                       | Valery Fokin                 | 75 | Saint Petersburg, Russia<br>(Russia)            |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia   | * President of Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service<br>* Former Rector of Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service | Gennady LAZAREV              | 73 | Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia<br>(Russia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette     | Contribution to developing Japanese language education in Azerbaijan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Azerbaijan | Head of Department of Far–Eastern Languages and Literature, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Baku State University                                   | Ogtay Jalilbayli             | 66 | Baku, Azerbaijan<br>(Azerbaijan)                |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting the understanding of Japan in the United states  | * ABC7 Eyewitness News Anchor<br>* Journalist   | David Ono           | 58 | Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States through music   | * Jazz Musician<br>* Former Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Music at City College of New York<br>* Former Faculty Member at The Juilliard School  | Ron Carter          | 84 | New York, New York, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)      |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States | * Curator Emerita, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution<br>* Former Curator of the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution | Louise Allison Cort | 77 | Granville, Ohio, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States                           | Chairman of Florida Delegation, Southeast U.S. Japan Association  | Keith Alan Norden   | 69 | Daytona Beach, Florida, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy                                       | Mayor of Venice   | Luigi Brugnaro      | 60 | Vanice, Veneto, Italy<br><br>(Italy)            |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia  | * Former Minister for Multiculturalism of the New South Wales<br>* Former President of the New South Wales Legislative Council  | John George Ajaka   | 65 | New South Wales, Australia<br><br>(Australia)   |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia | Former President of Australia–Japan Society of Tasmania   | Philip John Cooper           | 76 | Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Australia<br>(Australia) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to developing Japanese musical culture and promoting friendly relations                  | * Singer, Actor<br>* Former Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations Environment Programme<br>* Founder, Olivia Newton–John Foundation Fund and ONJ Centre Founding Champion | Olivia Newton–John           | 73 | Florida, U.S.A.<br>(U.S.A./U.K.)              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to strengthening the international presence of Japan in the area of corporate governance | Former Head of the Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD  | Mats Isaksson                | 63 | Hammarö, Sweden<br>(Sweden)                   |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain     | Mayor of Málaga   | Francisco de la Torre Prados | 78 | Málaga, Andalucía, Spain<br>(Spain)           |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Thailand                               | Former Managing Executive Officer, Obayashi Corporation and Director & President, Thai Obayashi Corporation Ltd.  | Sompong Chintawongvanich     | 72 | Bangkok, Thailand<br>(Thailand )              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany  | Former Mayor of the Hanseatic City of Lüneburg  | Ulrich Mädge                 | 71 | Lüneburg, Lower Saxony, Germany<br>(Germany)  |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to enhancing the international dissemination of information and presence of Japan in the field of criminal justice and the treatment of offenders | Former Director of The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI)  | Matti Tapani Joutsen                  | 69 | Helsinki, Finland<br>(Finland)                         |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Venezuela  | Professor of the Faculty of Humanities and Education of the University of Los Andes   | Edonodio Quintero                     | 74 | Mérida, Mérida, Venezuela<br>(Venezuela)               |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to developing Japanese studies and Japanese language education in Venezuela   | * Professor of the Faculty of Humanities and Education of the University of Los Andes<br>* Director of the Center for African and Asian Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Diasporas of the University of Los Andes | Hernan Lucena Molero                  | 63 | El Valle, Mérida, Venezuela<br>(Venezuela)             |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and mutual understanding between Japan and Madagascar  | Head of Laboratory of Japanese Language, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Antananarivo   | RAKOTOMANANA Solofoniaina Ambinintsoa | 52 | Antananarivo, Madagascar<br>(Madagascar)               |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting parliamentary exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Mongolia  | * Former Chair of Mongolia–Japan Parliamentary Group<br>* Former Member of the State Great Khural<br>* Historian, Political Critic  | Bat–Erdene Batbayar                   | 67 | Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia<br>(Mongolia)                    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia  | * Former Vice–Rector, Sakhalin State University<br>* Associate Professor, Sakhalin State University   | Viktor Ivanovich Korsunov             | 72 | Yuzhno–Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin Oblast, Russia<br>(Russia) |

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| 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              | * President of Nikkei Federation<br>* Former President of Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute   | Bryan Takeda         | 66 | La Verne, California, U.S.A.<br><br>(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              | * Former Co-Chair of Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival<br>* President of Japantown Merchants Association of San Francisco  | Richard M. Hashimoto | 63 | Vallejo, California, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)                |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to improving welfare services for Japanese Americans in the United States and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States | President of Nikkeijin Kai of Colorado   | Calvin Taro Hada     | 67 | Louisville, Colorado, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)               |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States            | * Curator Emerita, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution<br>* Former Senior Associate Curator of Japanese Art, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution | Ann Yonemura         | 74 | Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)   |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese community and promoting Kendo in Argentina   | * President of Japanese Association in Argentina<br>* Former President of Argentine Kendo Federation   | Ernesto Kimura       | 79 | Buenos Aires, Argentina<br><br>(Argentina)                 |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting youth exchange and friendship among Japan, Indonesia and the other ASEAN member states                                    | * Former President of SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc.<br>* Chairman of SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc Assembly   | Rino Wicaksono       | 60 | South Tangerang City, Banten, Indonesia<br><br>(Indonesia) |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Judo in El Salvador and promoting friendship between Japan and El Salvador                  | President, Judo Federation of El Salvador                                     | Luis Alonso Chévez Molina       | 69 | Antiguo Cuscatlán,<br>La Libertad,<br>El Salvador<br><br>(El Salvador) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Karate in El Salvador and promoting friendship between Japan and El Salvador                | President, Karate Federation of El Salvador                                   | Oswalds Adalberto Mata Trujillo | 53 | Santa Tecla,<br>La Libertad,<br>El Salvador<br><br>(El Salvador)       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to enhancing interregional exchanges between Japan and Australia through promoting sister-city exchanges | Chair of Canberra Nara Sister City Committee                                  | Narelle Hargreaves              | 79 | Latham,<br>ACT,<br>Australia<br><br>(Australia)                        |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Judo in Côte d'Ivoire and friendly relations between Japan and Côte d'Ivoire                | Former President of the Ivorian Federation of Judo and Associated Disciplines | Isaac Angbo                     | 55 | Abidjan,<br>Côte d'Ivoire<br><br>(Côte d'Ivoire)                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Sri Lanka in the field of art                          | Artist  | Hetti Arachchige Karunaratne    | 92 | Nugegoda,<br>Sri Lanka<br><br>(Sri Lanka)                              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Germany and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany  | Former Deputy Director and Curator of Mori Ōgai Memorial Center               | Beate Wonde                     | 67 | Berlin,<br>Berlin,<br>Germany<br><br>(Germany)                         |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Turkey and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Turkey | General Director of Japan Culture & Information Center               | Muharrem Demirci          | 60 | Besiktas, Istanbul, Turkey<br>(Turkey)                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Kendo in New Zealand and friendly relations between Japan and New Zealand              | Former President of New Zealand Kendo Federation                     | Graham Sayer              | 64 | Auckland, New Zealand<br>(New Zealand)                       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in France and promoting friendly relations between Japan and France | President of French Japan Association of Nancy Lorraine              | Jean-Luc Contet-Audonneau | 79 | Saint-Max, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Grand Est, France<br>(France) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia        | Former President of the Japanese Language Society of Malaysia        | Edward Lee Chee Peng      | 62 | CyberJaya, Selangor, Malaysia<br>(Malaysia)                  |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico through sports                           | Professional Wrestler  | Aarón Rodríguez Arellano  | 79 | Mexico City, Mexico<br>(Mexico)                              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays | Contributed to maintaining Japanese remains in Taiwan   | * Keeper of Japanese Remains<br>* Chairman of Taichung Baojue Temple | Lin Shan Chao             | 69 | Taichung City, Taiwan  |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States   | *Former President, Japan–America Society of Houston<br>*Former Board Member, U.S.–Japan Council | Donna Fujimoto Cole   | 69 | Houston, Texas, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)      |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese American community in the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States | Chairman, Guam Nikkei Association   | Frank S.N. Shimizu    | 82 | Yona, Guam, U.S.A.<br><br>(U.S.A.)          |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and the UK   | Founder and Chair of the Thomas Blake Glover Foundation   | Anne Malcolm          | 77 | Aberdeenshire, Scotland, U.K.<br><br>(U.K.) |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Karate in China and friendly relations between Japan and China  | Hon. Life President, the Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited                        | Chan Chun Fai         | 71 | Hong Kong China<br><br>(China)              |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Brazil and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil   | Former Director of Japanese Language Course Bunkyo  | Laura Mituko Omoto    | 78 | Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil<br><br>(Brazil)    |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays | Contributed to promoting Japanese language education in Brazil and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil   | Former Director of Japanese Language Course Bunkyo  | Seiko Yamanaka Sasaya | 78 | Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil<br><br>(Brazil)    |

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| The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays                | Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of the Japanese Brazilian community and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Brazil | Former President of the Association for Japanese–Brazilian Culture of Anapolis              | Jorge Matsubara            | 66 | Terezopolis de Goias, Goias, Brazil<br>(Brazil) |
| 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 Cultural and Sports Association for Japanese and Brazilian in Piracicaba       | Pedro Isamu Mizutani       | 62 | Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil<br>(Brazil)       |
| The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon | Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and the United States on national defense  | * Deputy Commander Expeditionary Strike Group 7 and Task Force 76<br>* Commander Phibron 11 | Marvin Edward Thompson III | 53 | Sasebo, Nagasaki, Japan<br>(U.S.A.)             |
| 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  | Sarla Sadarangani          | 63 | Delhi, India<br>(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 Saudi Arabia                                     | Eisa Abbas Othman Idrees   | 60 | Riyafh, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,<br>(Sudan)        |
| 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                             | Wanlop Saelee              | 66 | Chiang Mai, Thailand<br>(Thailand)              |

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| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays   | Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Penang      | Cheah See Lian              | 60 | Penang,<br>Penang,<br>Malaysia<br><br>(Malaysia)   |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays            | Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment     | Former Local Employee, Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai      | Rajendra Kumar Sharma       | 63 | Thane,<br>Maharashtra,<br>India<br><br>(India)     |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays            | Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment     | Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Sweden                | Linda Lagerström            | 66 | Vaxholm,<br>Stockholm,<br>Sweden<br><br>(U.K.)     |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays            | Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment     | Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia              | Girma Tamirat Weldesillasie | 60 | Addis Ababa,<br>Ethiopia<br><br>(Ethiopia)         |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays            | Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment | Former Local Employee, Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD | Jean-Marie Aupetit          | 64 | Paris,<br>Île-de-France,<br>France<br><br>(France) |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays            | Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment     | Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Jordan                | Azhar Abu Odeh              | 62 | Amman,<br>Jordan<br><br>(Jordan)                   |
| The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette | Contributed to promoting health and hygiene in Japan                 | President, Medical Corporation Keijinkai Shiroyama Hospital      | Lee Auhong                  | 78 | Ota,<br>Gunma,<br>Japan<br><br>(Republic of Korea) |