

2022 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 bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States	Former Ambassador of the United States to Japan	John Victor Roos	67	Hillsborough, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Indonesia	Former Vice President	Muhammad Jusuf Kalla	79	South Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Australia	Former Prime Minister	Anthony John Abbott	64	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Oman	Former Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs	Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah Al Ibrahim	80	Muttrah, Muscat, Oman (Oman)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Tunisia	* Former Prime Minister * Minister of International Cooperation and Foreign Investment	Mohamed Ghannouchi	80	Ariana, Ariana, Tunisia (Tunisia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Germany	* Former President of the Federation of German Industries * Former CEO of DATEV	Dieter Kempf	69	Nuremberg, Bavaria, Germany (Germany)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the Philippines	* Former Senate President * Former Speaker of the House of Representatives	Manuel Bamba Villar Jr.	72	Las Pinas City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to Rugby World Cup 2019 held in Japan and supporting the development of the rugby in Japan	Former World Rugby Chairman	Bernard Lapasset	74	Louit, Hautes-Pyrénées, France (France)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strenghtening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Micronesia	* Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs * Former Director of Secretariat of Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Asterio R. Takesy	77	Kolonia, Pohnpei, Micronesia (Micronesia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening relationship between Japan and UN Women	* Former Deputy President * Former Executive Director, UN Women	Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka	66	Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa (South Africa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Azerbaijan	* Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources * Chairman of the State Commission between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Japan on Economic Cooperation * Former Head of Azerbaijan-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Working Group	Mukhtar Babayev	54	Baku, Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the United States	Former Acting Deputy United States Trade Representative	Wendy Cutler	65	Maryland, U.S.A. (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 State of Colorado * Former Mayor of City of Denver	John Wright Hickenlooper Jr.	70	Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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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 Tennessee * Former Mayor of Nashville	Philip N. Bredesen	78	Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting bilateral relations and friendship between Japan and Iran	* Former Ambassador of Iran to Japan * Former Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs	Seyyed Abbas Araghchi	59	Tehran, Tehran, Iran (Iran)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and India	* Former President, Confederation of Indian Industry * Chairman, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry * Vice Chairman, The Sanmar Group	Narayanan Kumar	72	Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and security cooperation between Japan and India	* Former Foreign Secretary * Former National Security Advisor to Prime Minister	Shivshankar Menon	72	New Delhi, NCR, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	Governor of Yogyakarta Special Region	Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X	76	Yogyakarta City, Special Region of Yogyakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and Indonesia	* Former Ambassador of Indonesia to Japan * Former Chairman of Indonesia-Japan Parliamentary League of the House of Representative of the Republic of Indonesia	Yusron Ihza Mahendra	64	South Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom in the field of the judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom * Former Judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales * Former Head of International Judicial Relations for England and Wales 	Mary Howarth Arden	75	London, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting research exchange and science and technology cooperation between Japan and United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former President, Royal Society * Nobel Laureate in Chemistry in 2009 	Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	70	South Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire, U.K. (U.K./U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic and business relations between Japan and Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chairman of the Egypt-Japan Business Council (EJBC) * Chairman of Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce (FEDCOC) * Chairman of Cairo Chamber of Commerce * Chairman of ElAraby Group of Companies & Factories 	Ibrahim Mahmoud Ibrahim ElAraby	69	Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations promoting friendship between Japan and Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Ambassador of Egypt to Japan * Former Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security * Former Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva * Former Ambassador of Egypt to Italy 	Hisham Badr	60	New 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 Djibouti	Former Ambassador of Djibouti to Japan	Ahmed Arita Ali	61	Djibouti, Djibouti (Djibouti)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Sweden	* Former Governor of the Swedish Central Bank * Former Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation	Lars Heikensten	71	Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and Germany on space cooperation	* Former Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA) * Former Chairman of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center (DLR)	Johann-Dietrich Wörner	67	Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening the relationship and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and CARICOM	* Former Secretary General of Carribean Community(CARICOM) * Former Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry	Irwin Joseph Larocque	67	Roseau, Dominica (Dominica)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Nepal	Former Ambassador of Nepal to Japan	Kedar Bhakta Mathema	76	Lalitpur, Bagmati Province, Nepal (Nepal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Bangladesh	Former Chief Coordinator of SDGs to the Prime Minister's Office	Md. Abul Kalam Azad	65	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and strengthening the relationship between Japan and Europe	* Former President, European Research Council * Former Director, Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques, France	Jean-Pierre Bourguignon	74	Orsay, Essonne, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Vietnam	Former Minister-Chairman of Government Office	Mai Tien Dung	63	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Malaysia in the field of energy, environment, water and higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Secretary General of Ministry, Environment and Water * Former Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education * Former Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia 	Zaini Ujang	57	Selangor, Malaysia (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"> * Former Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs * Former Chairman of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) * Executive Committee Member, Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA) 	Rastam bin Mohd Isa	70	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic exchange between Japan and Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chairperson of Mexican Business Council for Foreign Trade, Investment and Technology * Chairperson of Modelo Group 	Valentín Diez Morodo	81	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Mauritania	Former Ambassador of Mauritania to Japan	Aliou Ibra Ba	76	Nouakchott, Mauritania (Mauritania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former Minister of Interior * Former Director of Public Security Directorate 	Hussein Hazzaa Majali	62	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Laos in the field of health and medical care	Former Minister of Health	Syhavong Bounkong	70	Vientiane Capital, Laos (Laos)

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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 Lesotho	Former Ambassador of Lesotho to Japan	Richard Ramoeletsi	63	Maseru City, Maseru District, Lesotho (Lesotho)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	* Former Chairman of the Association of East Asian Relations * Former Deputy Representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office	Chen Horng-Chi	71	Taipei, 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 defence	* Former Vice Commander of 5th Air Force * Former Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces	Michael Paul Winkler	52	Hawaii, 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 Commander of 18th Wing	Joel L. Carey	52	Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting people-to-people exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Executive Director of the Japan United States Friendship Commission * Secretary-General of the United States-Japan Conference on Cultural & Educational Interchange * Former Deputy Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation	Paige Cottingham-Streater	60	Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Professor of Japanese Language and Literature, Department of World Languages and Literatures, Portland State University	Laurence Richard Kominz	70	Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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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 of Japan at Hilo	Arthur Katsumi Taniguchi	70	Hilo, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing Japanese studies in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley	T.J. Pempel	79	Berkeley, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates in the field of energy supply	Former Chief Executive Officer at Abu Dhabi National Oil Company	Yousef bin Omeir Al Muhairi	62	Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. (U.A.E.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	* Former Full Professor, Faculty of Education Studies, University of Bologna * Professor Emeritus, University of Bologna	Vittorio Capecchi	83	Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to helping people better understand scientific findings about radiation effects, including those related to the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station	Former Secretary of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR)	Malcolm Crick	62	Vienna, Austria, (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Cambodia	Professor, Faculty of Archeology, Royal University of Fine Arts	Ang Choulean	72	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and Greece through sports	* President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee * Member of the International Olympic Committee	Spyros Capralos	67	Athens, Greece (Greece)
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 Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo * Former Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Saga * Former Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Ryukoku	Weligamage Don Lakshman	80	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and Nigeria through sports	* Nigeria Olympic Committee President * Member of the International Olympic Committee	Habu Ahmed Gumel	73	Abuja, Nigeria (Nigeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Norway	Former Professor in Physics at the University of Tromsø	Asgeir Brekke	80	Kvaløya, Tromsø, Norway (Norway)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting agricultural cooperation between Japan and Brazil	* Former President of Brazilian Agricultural Reserch Corporation * Fomer Chief General of Brazilian Agricultural Reserch Corporation Cerrados	Carlos Magno Campos da Rocha	70	Formosa, Goias, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and France in the field of art	* Honorary President-Director of the Louvre Museum * Former President-Director of the Louvre Museum	Henri Loyrette	69	Paris, IIs-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Poland	Former Rector of the Jagiellonian University	Wojciech Nowak	72	Cracow, Poland (Poland)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic and parliamentary exchange between Japan and Poland	* Former Rector of the Warsaw School of Economics * Former Member of the Senate	Marek Rocki	68	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Former Professor-Researcher of the Center of Asian and African Studies of the College of Mexico	Virginia Meza Hernández	75	Cuernavaca, State of Morelos, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	* Director of Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resource Development * Former Professor for Department of Economics, National University of Mongolia	Tsenddavaa Davaadorj	60	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing studies on modern Japanese history in Taiwan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Former Professor of the Department of History, National Taiwan University	Yung-chih Lee	82	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former President, the Japan-America Society of Indiana	Thomas Vernon Easterday	66	Zionsville, Indiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	* Former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Québec * Former Delegate General of Québec in Tokyo	Robert Keating	66	Lévis, Québec, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Colombia in the field of environmental design	Associate Professor of Faculty of Art in the National University of Colombia	Esperanza Caro Restrepo	63	Bogota, Cundinamarca, Colombia (Colombia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	* Former Casa Asia-Madrid Director * Director of Department of International Studies and Professor, School of Political and Juridical Science, The Loyola University	Fernando Delage Carretero	60	Sevilla, Andalucía, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to developing Japanese language education and promoting and mutual understanding between Japan and Sri Lanka	Former Principal, Devi Balika Vidyalaya	Kalyani Siriseeli Lakshman	77	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Western Province, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Serbia	* Former Professor of Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade * Former Dean of Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade	Ljiljana Markovic	68	Belgrade, Serbia (Serbia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and Tunisia through sports	President of the Tunisian National Paralympic Committee	Mohamed Mzoughi	63	Sidi Bou Said, Tunis, Tunisia (Tunisia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting inter-regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former Mayor of the City of Freiburg	Dieter Salomon	61	Freiburg, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Turkey	* Former Board Member of Turkey-Japan Business Council * Former Representative of Calik Holding for Keidanren * Former Director of Calik Holding	Aziz Çengel	49	Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchange between Japan and Bangladesh	* Former President of Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry * Managing Director of Haq's Bay Automobiles Limited	Abdul Haque	70	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	* President of the Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Welfare * Former President of Brazilian and Japanese Charitable Society Santa Cruz	Renato Ishikawa	83	Barueri, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and Brazil on national defense	* Former Commander of 14th Motorized Brigade * Former Chief of Staff of South Eastern Command * Former Commander of Army Aviation Unit * Counselor of Michie Akama Educational Institution	Akira Obara	82	São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to enhancing social welfare of Japanese Brazilians and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	* Former President of Apucarana City Council * Former President of Apucarana Cultural Sports Association	Satio Kayukawa	78	Apucarana, 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 Professor of Faculty of Nursing, Federal University of Bahia	Angela Tamiko Sato Tahara	75	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchange between Japan and Brazil	* Former Executive Secretary of Foreign Trade Council * Former Executive Director of the Department of Trade and Foreign Affairs at the Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo	Roberto Giannetti da Fonseca	72	Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges and friendship between Japan and Malaysia	* Founder & Group Executive Chairman of Silverlake Axis Ltd * Honorary Patron of JAGAM(Japan Graduates' Association of Malaysia)	Goh Peng Ooi	67	Selangor, Malaysia (Malaysia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Kyudo and Kendo in Iceland and friendly relations between Japan and Iceland	* President of the Icelandic Kyudo Association * Former President of the Icelandic Kendo Association * Former President of the European Kyudo Federation	Tryggvi Sigurðsson	71	Reykjavík, Iceland (Iceland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Executive Director, the Japan America Society of Minnesota	J. Bernard Henry Van Lierop	75	Hopkins, Minnesota, 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	* Former KING-TV News Anchor * Former President, Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington	Lori Lei Matsukawa	65	Bellevue, Washington, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the Japanese culture and Japanese language in Italy	* Former President of Cultural Center Italia-Asia * Former Lecturer of Japanese Language and Culture at the Civic School for Foreign Languages of the Municipality of Milan * Translator	Nicoletta Spadavecchia	73	Milan, Lombardy, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Ikebana in India and friendly relations between Japan and India	President, Ikebana International Mumbai Chapter #258	Taruna Agarwal	68	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Australia and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	Owner and Director, Lesley Kehoe Galleries	Lesley Jean Kehoe	70	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (Australia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Austria through promoting sister cities exchanges	Former District Chairman of the 19th District of Vienna (Döbling)	Adolf Tiller	82	Vienna, Austria (Austria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Republic of Korea	* Kanazawa Port Korea Logistics Advisor * Former CEO of Hanjin Shipping New Port	Choi Young Bae	66	Seoul, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese community in Chile and promoting friendship between Japan and Chile	Former Presidente of Nikkei Corporation in Valparaiso Region	Roberto Takeshi Hirose Morioka	71	Viña del mar, Región Valparaiso, Chile (Chile)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing interregional exchanges through promoting friendship-city exchanges	Former Faaborg/Midtfyn-Noboribetsu Friendship Association	Lizzi Jensen	88	Ringe, Denmark (Denmark)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Germany through promoting sister-city exchanges	Chairman of the Ome - Boppard Friendship Association	Alfred Matthias Roos	55	Boppard, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing interregional exchanges through the promotion of sister-city exchanges	* Honorary President of Kecskemét-Aomori Friendship Association * Member of Kecskemét City Council	Király József	63	Kecskemét, Hungary (Hungary)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Bangladesh in medical field	Director of Yamagata-Dhaka Friendship General Hospital	Md. Ekhlasur Rahman	59	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in France and promoting friendship between Japan and France	President of the French and Japanese Cultural Association of Aix-en-Provence	Monique Faillard	74	Aix-en-Provence, Bouche-du- Rhône; Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese community in Mexico and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Mexico	* President of the Nikkei Medical Foundation of Mexico * Former Vice President of the Mexican Japanese Association	Jose Luis Akaki Blancas	73	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to developing Japanese language education in Mexico and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	Former President of the Board of Directors of the Mexican-Japanese School	Maria Teresa Kasuga Osaka	73	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia through music and dance	Singer, Actor, Director	Dogmid Sosorbaram	63	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Kendo and Kyudo in Latvia and friendly relations between Japan and Latvia	* President, Latvian Kendo Federation * President, Latvian Kyudo Association	Vladimirs Kindzulis	53	Riga Latvia (Latvia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Japanese food culture through introducing Japanese agricultural, forestry, fishery products and food in Taiwan	* CEO of Deysan International Co., Ltd. * Yamagata Special Ambassador of Tourism & Tsuyahime * Food Kingdom Miyagi Ambassador * Yamanashi Ambassador * Shimane Prefecture Unnan City PR Ambassador	Lin Ding-San	72	Yilan, Yilan, Taiwan (—/U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the status of the Japanese American community in the United States and mutual understanding between Japan and the United	* Human Rights Activist * Honorary Chairman of New York Hiroshima-Kai	Takeshi Furumoto	77	Bergen County, New Jersey, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
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 Community Association of Efigenio de Sales * Head of the Agricultural Cooperative of Efigenio de Sales	Mutsuo Kanehira Sato	77	Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Aikido in France and friendly relations between Japan and France	Honorary President and General Master of the Autonomous Aikido Academy Kobayashi Hirokazu	André Marcel Cognard	68	Bourg-Argental, Loire, Auvergne Rhone Alpes, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Karate in Lebanon and friendly relations between Japan and Lebanon	President of International Shotokan Karate Federation in Lebanon	Fadi Aoun	56	Mount Lebanon, Metn, Lebanon (Lebanon)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Armenia	Former Ambassador of Armenia to Japan	Grant Pogosyan	69	Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Armenia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to supporting foreign nationals and developing the environment for acceptance of foreign nationals in Japan	President of the Brazilian Community of Kansai	Matsubara Marina Akizuki	68	Kobe, Hyogo, Japan (Brazil)
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 Ecuador	Carlos Novoa	65	Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador (Ecuador)

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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, Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD	Catherine Van Becelaere	64	Paris, Ile de France, France (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 Mexico	Bertha Maria Guadalupe Santillana Zaldivar	63	Mexico City, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Fomer Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands	Adriaan Anton van der Berg	67	Den Haag, Netherlands (Netherlands)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Tanzania	Tibet Saidi Kapati	73	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Tanzania)
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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Romania	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Romania	Nicolae Tudose	62	Bucharest, Romania (Romania)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing the English linguistic ability for Japanese diplomats and others	Former Special Chief Instructor of the Foreign Service Training Institute	Singh Faye	65	Katsushika-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Senegal)