

2022 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	Age	Address / Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the United States	Former National Security Adviser	Thomas E. Donilon	67	Washington D.C., U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and UNICEF	Former Executive Director of UNICEF	Henrietta H. Fore	73	Santa Barbara, 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 Iran	* Former Vice President for Women and Family Affairs * Former Vice President and Head of the Department of Environment	Masoumeh Ebtekar	62	Tehran, Tehran, Iran (Iran)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and India	Former Ambassador of India to Japan	Hemant Krishan Singh	72	New Delhi, The National Capital Territory of Delhi, India (India)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Indonesia	Former Speaker of the House of Representatives	Akbar Tandjung	77	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 Uzbekistan	* Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Tourism and Cultural Heritage * Former Chairman of the State Committee for Tourism Development	Aziz Abdukaharovich Abdukhakimov	48	Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Croatia	Former Speaker of the Croatian Parliament	Željko Reiner	69	Zagreb, Croatia (Croatia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Colombia	Former Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs	Marta Lucía Ramírez Blanco	68	Bogota, Colombia (Colombia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Slovakia	* Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs * Former Ambassador of Slovakia to Japan * European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues	Miroslav Lajčák	59	Bratislava, Slovakia (Slovakia)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the Philippines	Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs	Albert F. Del Rosario	82	Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the economic relations and promoting friendship between Japan and the Philippines	* Former Secretary of Finance * Former Philippine Chair of the Japan-Philippines High-level Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation	Carlos G. Dominguez III	77	Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Belgium	Former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Employment, Economy and Consumer Affairs, in charge of Foreign Trade, Combating Poverty, Equal Opportunities, and Disable People, Federal Government	Kris Peeters	60	Antwerp, Belgium (Belgium)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Laos	* Vice President * Former President of the National Assembly	Pany Yathotou	71	Vientiane Capital, Laos (Laos)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting regional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	* Former Governor of Wisconsin * Former Chairman (U.S. side) of Midwest U.S. - Japan Association	Tommy G. Thompson	80	Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Jewish community	Former CEO of American Jewish Committee	David Harris	73	New York, New York, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and United States	Governor of Nebraska	Pete Ricketts	58	Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and Indonesia in the field of energy, mineral resources, and transportation	* Former Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources * Former Minister of Transportation	Ignasius Jonan	59	South Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening political and economic relations between Japan and Indonesia	Former Minister of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises	Sjarifuddin Hasan	76	Bogor, Indonesia (Indonesian)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	Former Provost and President, University College London	Michael Arthur	68	Hampshire, United Kingdom (United Kingdom)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and Egypt in the field of education and scientific research	* Former Minister of Higher Education and State Minister for Scientific Research * Secretary General of the Steering Committee of Egypt-Japan Education Partnership (EJEP)	Hany Helal	71	Giza, Giza, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Canada	* Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan * Former Personal Representative of the Prime Minister for the G20 and Coordinator for International Economic Relations at Global Affairs Canada	Jonathan T. Fried	69	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
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 * Professor of Raúl Roa García Higher Institute of Internacional Relations	José Agustín Fernández de Cossío Rodríguez	89	Plaza de la Revolución, Havana, Cuba (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden	* Former President of The Royal Swedish Academy of Science * Professor at Department of Medical Cell Biology at Uppsala University	Dan Larhammar	66	Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden (Sweden)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Senegal	Former Ambassador of Senegal to Japan	Gabriel Alexandre Sar	77	Dakar, Dakar, Senegal (Senegal)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and Thailand in the field of justice	* Former Permanent Secretary of Justice * Former Executive Director of the Thailand Institute of Justice * Special Advisor of the Thailand Institute of Justice	Kittipong Kittayarak	64	Watthana, Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Thailand	* Former Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand * President of Thai-Japanese Association	Kalin Sarasin	61	Bangrak, Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Thailand in the field of tourism and sports	* Former Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand * Former President of Thai-Japanese Association	Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul	62	Payathai, Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Tanzania	Former Ambassador of Tanzania to Japan	Elly Elikunda Elineema Mtango	76	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Tanzania)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting parliamentary exchange between Japan and Germany	Former Chairwoman of the German-Japanese Parliamentary Friendship Group in the 18th electoral term	Sylvia Kotting-Uhl	69	Sinsheim-Weiler, Baden-Württemberg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Turkey	* Former Ambassador of Turkey to Japan * Former Director General for International Security Affairs	Ahmet Bülent Meriç	65	Gölbaşı, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Palau	Former Ambassador of Japan to Palau	Francis Mariur Matsutaro	74	Airai, Palau (Palau)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and the Philippines in the field of transportation and economic cooperation	Former Secretary of Transportation	Arthur P. Tugade	76	Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and France	* Former President of the Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry * Former President of the Franco-Japanese Economic Exchange Committee	Didier Kling	73	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Japan and France	Former President of the France-Japan Friendship Group of the National Assembly	Alain Tourret	74	Versailles, Yvelines, 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 Defense Staff	François Gérard Marie Lecointre	60	Sauveterre-de-Bearn, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Nouvelle-Aquitaine France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and Madagascar	Former Ambassador of Madagascar to Japan	Jimmy Ramiandrison	53	Antananarivo, Madagascar (Madagascar)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting understanding of Japan in the United States and friendly relations between Japan and the United States	President and Chief Executive Officer, USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc.	Michael Allen Carr	73	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (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 foreign policy and national defense	* Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asia-Pacific Security Affairs * Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs * Former Chairman, National Association of Japan-America	David B. Shear	68	Earleville, Maryland, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology, Harvard University	Mary C. Brinton	69	Lexington, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	Former Secretary of State of Washington	Ralph Davies Munro	79	Olympia, Washington, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the United States	Honorary Consul of Japan in San Diego	Kate Leonard	69	Del Mar, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Israel	Chairman of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and Chamber of Commerce	Zeev Weiss	76	Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Israel (Israel)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to enhancing international presence of Japan in the field of criminal justice and treatment of offenders	* Former Head of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme in the United Nations Office at Vienna * Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	Eduardo Vetere	77	Vienna, Austria (Italy)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening Japan's international communication and enhancing its presence in the field of space	Former Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs	Simonetta Di Pippo	63	Rome, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Europe at the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe	* Former President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe * President Emeritus and Special Representative for the cooperation with non-European countries of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe	Gianni Buquicchio	77	Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Grand Est, France (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Egypt	Former President of Egypt Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST)	Ahmed El-Gohary	68	El Shrouq, Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cooperative relations in the field of defence between Japan and Australia	* Emeritus Professor of Defence and Strategic Studies, Australia National University * Former Deputy Secretary for Strategy and Intelligence in the Department of Defence * Former Director of the Joint Intelligence Organisation	Paul Dibb	83	ACT, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting policies of Japan in the field of sustainable use of marine living resources	* Former Secretary-General of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) * President of International Wildlife Management Consortium(IWMC) World Conservation Trust	Eugene Joseph Charles Lapointe	83	Lausanne, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland (Canada)

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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 Cambodia in the field of education	* Permanent Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports * Former Rector of the Royal University of Phnom Penh	Pit Chamnan	70	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Greece	* President of the Board, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) * Former Professor, School of Economics and Political Science, University of Athens	Loukas Tsoukalis	72	Athens, Greece (Greece)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Professor of Economy in the University of Barcelona	María Ángeles Pelegrín Solé	64	Sant Cugat del Vallés, Barcelona, Cataluña, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic exchange between Japan and China	* Chairman, Sunwah Group * Chairman, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of Hong Kong * Former Chairman, Hong Kong – Japan Business Co-operation Committee	Jonathan Koon-shum Choi	65	Hong Kong, China (China)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	* Former Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Regensburg * Professor Emeritus, University of Regensburg * Honorary President, International Association of Procedural Law	Peter Gottwald	78	Regensburg, Bayern, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic exchanges between Japan and Pakistan	* Chairman of the Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF) * Honorary Patron of the Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) Sindh	Kalim Farooqui	69	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese Studies in Bangladesh	* Former Professor of Department of Economic, University of Dhaka * Founder Chairman and Professor of Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka	Abul Barkat	68	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting cooperation between Japan and Mongolia on diplomatic relation and academic exchange	* Former Director-General, Department of Policy planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia * President, Mongolian Association of Japanese studies	Tsedendamba Batbayar	64	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Jordan	Professor, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Al-Balqa Applied University	Mohammed Abu-Dayeh Matouq	58	Amman, Jordan (Jordan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Vice President of the General Association of Chinese Culture	Chiang Chun-nan	78	Taipei Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Judo in Algeria and enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Algeria through sports	* Former Secretary of State in charge of Elite Sport * Member of Executive Office, Development Director of International Judo Federation * Member of Gender Equality Commission of international Judo Federation	Salima Souakri Dziri	47	Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	* Professor of Japanese Studies, Department of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Mediations, Milan University * Former Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Italy in Japan	Corrado Molteni	69	Milan, Lombardy, Italy (Italy)

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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 Australia	Former Professor, Foreign Language Research and Teaching Centre, Tokyo Institute of Technology	Alison Isobel Rae Tokita	75	Malvern East, Victoria, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Ghana	Former Director of Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, University of Ghana	Abraham Kwabena Anang	61	Accra, Greater Accra, Ghana (Ghana)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to improving the social status of Japanese-Canadians in Canada and promoting friendship between Japan and Canada	Former President of National Association of Japanese Canadians	Kenichiro Noma	71	Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and Colombia through performing arts	Director of the Jorge Isaacs Theater	María Victoria García De Cruz	77	Santiago de Cali, Valle del Cauca, Colombia (Colombia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the Switzerland	President of Section Suisse Romande, Swiss-Japanese Society	Beat Frey	59	Vernie, Geneve, Switzerland (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the Czech Republic through music	* Former Associate Professor of the Music and Dance Faculty, the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague * Former Representative of International Shakuhachi Festival Prague	Vlastislav Matoušek	73	Praha, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)

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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 City of Wolfsburg	Klaus Mohrs	70	Wolfsburg, Lower Saxony, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand	Former Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Culture and Society, Auckland University of Technology	Dallas Nesbitt	67	Hauraki, New Zealand (New Zealand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Norway	* Former Professor at Faculty of Humanities, University of Bergen * Professor Emeritus, University of Bergen	Harry Solvang	71	Fana, Bergen, Norway (Norway)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil	* Former Associate Professor, Faculty of Science and Engineering, University of Sao Paulo * Former President of ABJICA	Toshiichi Tachibana	77	Sao Paulo City, Sao Paulo State, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchanges between Japan and France in the field of pastry and promoting Japanese food culture	* Pastry Chef * President of la Maison Pierre Hermé	Pierre Hermé	60	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendship between Japan and Poland through sports	President of Polish Olympic Committee	Andrzej Kraśnicki	73	Warsaw, Masovian Voivodeship, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Myanmar	President of Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni(MAJA)	Myo Khin	69	Yankin, Yangon, Myanmar (Myanmar)

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Orders of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting interregional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	* Former Mayor of Salamanca City * Director General, University of Technology, Southwest Guanajuato	Antonio Ramírez Vallejo	73	Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Mongolia	* Former Vice President for Academic Research and Professor, Graduate University of Mongolia * Former Dean and Professor, Graduate School of University of the Humanities	Tsedendemberel Purevsuren	59	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Mongolia)
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	Former Arlene Schnitzer Curator of Culture, Art and Education, Portland Japanese Garden	Diane Marie Durston	72	Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in the UAE and friendly relations between Japan and the UAE	* General Secretary, UAE Wrestling and Judo Federation * Former Board Member, UAE National Olympic Committee	Naser Al Tamimi	56	Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. (U.A.E.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Aikido in Algeria and enhancing friendly relations between Japan and Algeria	* President of Algerian Aikido Federation * Technical Director of the African Aikido Confederation	Nasser Rouibah	59	Algiers, Algeria (Algeria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina	Mayor of Cosquín City	Gabriel José Musso	59	Cosquín, Córdoba, Argentina (Argentina)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic exchanges between Japan and Argentina	Legal Counsel of JICA Argentina Office and JETRO Argentina Office	Luis María López Del Carril	74	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and India through people-to-people exchanges	President of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association India	Ravi Chopra	57	New Delhi, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Kendo in Ecuador and friendly relations between Japan and Ecuador	President of the Ecuadorian Kendo Association	Fernando Benavides Andrade	69	Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador, (Ecuador)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in the Netherlands and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Netherlands	Interpreter	Jeanette Akane Taudin Chabot	74	Amersfoort, Utrecht, The Netherlands (The Netherlands)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing welfare for Japanese Canadian community in Canada and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Canada	President, Nikkei Seniors Health Care & Housing Society	Ruth Midori Coles	86	Port Moody, British Columbia, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting youth exchanges and friendship between Japan, Thailand and the other ASEAN Member States	Former President of the Association of the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth of Thailand	Chai Nimakorn	69	Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Kendo in Germany and the friendship between Japan and Germany	President of German Kendo Federation	Uwe Karl Kumpf	65	Frankfurt, Hessen, Germany (Germany)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and friendly relations between Japan and Pakistan	President of the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) Lahore	Ghazala Irfan	75	Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting Judo in the Philippines and friendship between Japan and the Philippines	* Former President, Philippine Judo Federation, Inc. * Executive Board Member, Philippine Olympic Committee	David F. Carter	51	City of Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of the Japanese Brazilian community	* Doctor of the Consulate General of Japan in Manaus * Former Doctor of the Health Clinic in the Japanese Brazilian Association of Western Amazon	Clara Fumiko Shirayanagui dos Santos	73	Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese community in Brazil and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil	* President, Japan- Brazil Cultural and Sports Association of Rio de Janeiro * Former President, Nikkei Association of Rio de Janeiro	Minoru Matsuura	77	Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange between Japan and Bulgaria through music	Head Conductor of Bulgarian National Radio Children's Choir	Venetsiya Karamanova	71	Sofia City, Sofia, Bulgaria (Bulgaria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese Peruvian community and promoting friendship between Japan and Peru	Former President of the Japanese Peruvian Association	Pedro Luis Makabe Ito	64	Lima, Peru (Peru)
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	* Former President of the Mexican Japanese Association in Mexicali Baja California * President of the Board of Directors of the Center of Languages in Mexicali	Toshiaki Kiyota Matsushita	80	Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico (Mexico)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Taiwan and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	Translator	Lai Ming Chu	75	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture to the United States and promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	Professional Storyteller	Anne Shimojima	71	Morton Grove, Illinois, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the social welfare of the Japanese community in Indonesia and promoting friendship between Japan and Indonesia	* Vice Chairman, East Java Japan Club * Vice Chairman, the Maintenance Foundation of Surabaya Japanese School	Joshie Karyadi Halim	71	Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese descendants in Cuba and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Cuba	Chair of Coordinating Committee of Japanese descendants in Pinar del Rio	Margarita Maria Iwasaki Cordero	70	Consolacion del Sur, Pinar del Rio, Cuba (Cuba)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese community in the Philippines	* Attorney * Legal Counsel of the Manila Office of the Philippine Nikkei-jin Legal Support Center	Josue Sim Zuniega	55	Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Order of Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese community in Brazil and promoting friendship between Japan and Brazil	Former president of Brazil-Japan Cultural Association of Foz do Iguacu	Kazumi Nemoto	77	Foz do Iguacu, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to improving the welfare of Japanese Peruvian community and promoting friendship between Japan and Peru	Former President of the Japanese Peruvian Women's Association	María Teresa Mitsumasu Abey de Shimizu	80	Lima, Peru (Peru)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture in Bolivia and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Bolivia	Lecturer of Origami	Luisa Virginia Benavides Ayala	64	La Paz, Bolivia (Bolivia)
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, Naval Surface Group Western Pacific * Former Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15 and Commander Task Force 71	Steven Harlow De Moss	52	Minato-Ku Tokyo Japan (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Legal Counsel, Consulate General of Japan in Houston	John P. Cogan, Jr.	78	Houston, Texas, U.S.A. (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 Switzerland	Daniele Corinne Flückiger	64	Prêles, Canton Bern, Switzerland (Switzerland)
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 Bangladesh	Khan Jahangir Alam	70	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines	Mary-Anne Garcia Saga	60	Paranaque City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
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 Belgium	Christine De Bock	65	Brussels, Belgium (Belgium)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former Local Employee, Embassy of Japan in Belgium	Brigitte Trenson	62	Brussels, Belgium (Belgium)
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 Myanmar	Nwe Nwe Aung	63	Thingangyun, Yangon, Myanmar (Myanmar)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Interchange Association	Former Local Employee, Interchange Association	Tsai Shao Chin	71	Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
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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 India	Des Raj	63	New Delhi, The National Capital Territory of Delhi, 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 Bangladesh	Abdul Gafur	64	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
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