

Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2025 (individuals)

No.	NAME (Omit Titles From Names)	MAJOR TITLES	ADDRESS	SERVICES
1	Milton Issashi Aoqui	Presidente Fundador da Associação Cultural Nipo-Brasileira do Rio Grande do Norte	Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
2	Aoki Kazumi	Secretary and Treasurer, South Pacific Memorial Association Inc.	Funabashi-shi, Chiba, Japan	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
3	Aoki Setsuko	Professor Emerita , Keio University	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
4	Doris Harumi Asano	Co-Chair, Arizona Matsuri Steering Committee	Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
5	Shigeyuki Ataka	First Vice President of the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association, Sindh	Karachi, Pakistan	Promotion of Japanese culture in Pakistan
6	Arakawa Shiho	Japanese Language Instructor, Centre for Language Learning, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus	Diego Martin,Trinidad and Tobago	Promotion of Japanese language education in Trinidad and Tobago
7	Sardar Al-Bebany	Chairman of Sardar Group and Toyota Iraq	Baghdad, Iraq	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Iraq
8	Kelly Arthur Anthon	Honorary Director, Idaho Economic Development Association	Burley, Idaho, U.S.A	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and the U.S.A.
9	Goran Antevski	President, the Macedonian AOTS Alumni Society	Skopje, North Macedonia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and North Macedonia
10	Ando Akihiko	Former Professor of Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture, University of Sao Paulo	Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of international cooperation in Brazil
11	Alexandre Tatsuya Iida	Representative of ADEGA DE SAKE	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese SAKE in Brazil
12	Lucy Sayuri Ito	JICA Expert	Campos do Jordao, Brazil	Promotion of international cooperation
13	Yoshikazu Ito	Secretary General, Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce & Industry	Ontario, Canada	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and Canada
14	Inomata Norihiro	Representative Director, Non-Profit Organization Philippine Nikkei-jin Legal Support Center (PNLSC)	Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan	Supporting implementation of consular services in the Philippines
15	Ibragimova Malika	Associate Professor, Department of Japanese Philology, Uzbekistan State World Languages University	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	Promotion of Japanese language education in Uzbekistan
16	Ueta Shiniti	President of the International Exchange Association of Maringá	Maringá, Paraná, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
17	Jairo Megumi Uemura	Former President, Sociedade Beneficente Casa da Esperança (Kibô-no-Iê)	Guarulhos, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Supporting implementation of consular services in Brazil
18	Vergels Sato Aki	Koto and Shamisen player	Overijse, Belgium	Promotion of Japanese culture in foreign countries
19	Wong ka Wo, Simon	President of the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants & Related Trades	Hong Kong, China	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Hong Kong
20	Urayama Yoshiko	Former Presidnet, Editor & Chief of the Chicago Shimpō	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
21	Enomoto Kayoko	Associate Professor, Department of Asian Studies, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Economics, The University of Adelaide	Lower Mitcham, South Australia, Australia	Promotion of Japanese language education in Australia

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22	Ricardo Ohtake	Former President of the Tomie Ohtake Institute	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
23	Otani Shu	Former agricultural engineer at the Cotia Agricultural Cooperative Central Cooperative	São Joaquim, Santa Catarina, Brazil	Promotion of international cooperation in Brazil
24	Masayoshi Ohno Murata	Ex-Presidente de Yamaguchi Kenjinkai	Mexico City, Mexico	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico
25	Omitsu Takashi	Japan Business Society of Detroit, Executive Advisor	Northville, Michigan, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
26	Oguma Setsuko	Advisor of the Japanese Association of Austria	Vienna, Austria	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Austria
27	Okumura Shigeo	Professional Wrestler of Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre (CMLL)	Mexico City, Mexico	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Mexico through professional wrestling
28	Okuyama Yumi	Former opera singer, Vocal Music teacher	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Mongolia
29	Emin Özdamar	Vice-Chairman, Turkish Japanese Foundation	Çankaya, Ankara, Türkiye	Promotion of international cooperation in Türkiye
30	Junko Ota	Professora Doutora, Curso de Língua e Literatura Japonesa do Departamento de Letras Orientais da Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas da Universidade de São Paulo	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese language education in Brazil
31	Alberto Keiichi Oppata	President of the Mixed Agriculture Cooperative in Tomé-Açu	Tomé-açu, Pará, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
32	Nissim Otmazgin	Dean, Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Jerusalem, Israel	Promotion of Japan studies in Israel
33	Tomoko Kimura Gaudioso	Professora Assistente da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Instituto de Letras, Departamento de Línguas Modernas	Porto Alegre, Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese language education in Brazil
34	Kakigi Hideyuki	Former Vice President of The Japanese Association of La Paz	La Paz, Itapua, Paraguay	Promotion of implementation of consular and migration services in Paraguay
35	Kasahara Tomoko	Founder, Small Art School	Siem Reap Municipality, Siem Reap, Cambodia	Promotion of international cooperation in Cambodia
36	Marcela Cassinelli	President of Argentine Cinematheque Foundation	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Promotion of Japanese culture in Argentina
37	Mark Kato	Former President. Sunnyvale Sister City Association	Sunnyvale, California, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
38	Kani Kiyotaka	Expert in seedling production and aquaculture of shellfish of the Chinquihue Foundation	Ancud, Los Lagos, Chile	Promotion of international cooperation
39	Kanetake Emiko	Legal Adviser of Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Promotion of international cooperation in Cambodia
40	Kamioka Toshiyuki	Honorary Conductor of the Copenhagen Phil	Saarbrücken, Germany	Promotion of cultural exchange through music
41	Gary Kawaguchi	Former Vice chair of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC)	Monterey Park, California, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
42	Takashi Kawano	Director General of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Mexico	Mexico City, Mexico	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and Mexico

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43	Kanze Yoshimasa	The Kanze school shite-kata Noh actor	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of Nohgaku in Singapore
44	Kitayama Kazuhiko	Former Japanese language teacher	Feulen, Luxembourg	Promotion of Japanese language education in Luxembourg
45	Pirjo-Riitta Kuusikko	Former Acting Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Helsinki	Helsinki, Finland	Promotion of Japanese language education and Japanese culture in Finland
46	Joel Conceição Bressa da Cunha	International student advisor	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
47	Matthew P. Goodman	Former Senior vice president for Economics and Simon chair in political economy, CSIS	Washington, D.C., U.S.A.	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and the U.S.A.
48	Sakthi Kumar	Founder and Chairman of Indian JSPS Alumni Association	Edogawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and India
49	Štefan Nobuhiro Kurilla	Shihan of Kurilla Budokan	Bratislava, Slovakia	Promotion of Aikido in Slovakia
50	Ayako Graefe	Sogetsu Ikebana Teacher's Diploma 1st Grade Riji	Ottobrunn, Germany	Promotion of Ikebana in Germany
51	František Kretovič	Chairman of Karate Klub Kretovic	Košice, Slovakia	Promotion of Karate in Slovakia
52	Christopher Clement	Scientific Secretary & CEO, International Commission on Radiological Protection	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Promotion of public awareness regarding foreign policy of Japan
53	Stefan Großkreuz	Chairman, Deutsch-Japanischer Verein Yawara Lippstadt	Lippstadt, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany	Promotion of Japanese culture in Germany
54	Nana Gelashvili	Head of direction of Far East Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Tbilisi, Georgia	Promotion of Japan research in GEORGIA
55	Liseann Gouin	President of Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwest Ontario	Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
56	Yoichi Goto	Board of Director for Citizens Security of Cultural Association of Tomé-açu	Tomé-açu, Pará, Brazil	Supporting implementation of crime prevention and security measures in Brazil
57	Leiko Gotoda	Translator	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
58	Rinko Kobayashi	Pianist	Warszawa, Poland	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Poland through music
59	Kobayashi Reiko	Nurse	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Promotion of international cooperation In Bangladesh
60	Komazawa Chizuru	Core Member of the Beijing Japanese Language Teachers' Study Group	Tianjing, China	Promotion of Japanese language education in People's Republic of China
61	Komatsu Mitsuhiro	Former President of The Japanese Association of La Paz	La Paz, Itapua, Paraguay	Promotion of implementation of consular and migration services in Paraguay
62	Komaru Shigehiro	Administrative Director of the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation	Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima, Japan	Promotion of Japanese language education in foreign countries
63	André Tatsuhiko Korosue	Ex-Presidente, Associação Pró-Excepcionais Kodomo no Sono	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Supporting implementation of consular services in Brazil

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64	Jorge Andrés González Granic	Executive Director of the Municipal Cultural Foundation of Providencia	Lo Barnechea, Santiago, Chile	Promotion of Japanese culture in Chile
65	Saito Aki	Former Ballet Teacher at the Royal Ballet School in Antwerpen	Antwerpen, Belgium	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Belgium through ballet
66	Saitoh Akemi	Board Member, Japan–America Society of Houston	Houston, Texas, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
67	Neveen Syed	The Chairperson of Lahore Floritage Sogetsu Study Group	Lahore, Pakistan	Promotion of Ikebana in Pakistan
68	Sakano Issei	Adviser to the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Cambodia	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Promotion of international cooperation in Cambodia
69	Sakama Hasuiki Kunio	Expresidente de la Federación Nikkei Japonesa de Venezuela	Sucre, Miranda, Venezuela	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Venezuela
70	Sasaki Hirokazu	Former President of The Japanese Association of La Paz	La Paz, Itapua, Paraguay	Promotion of implementation of consular and migration services in Paraguay
71	Sado Yutaka	Chief conductor of the Tonkünstler Orchestra of Lower Austria	Vienna, Austria	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Austria through music
72	Kumi Sato	Former coach of Sweden National Kendo Team	Stockholm Sweden	Promotion of Kendo in Sweden
73	Sunao Sato	Former Professor of Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Sao Paulo.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of scientific and technological cooperation between Japan and Brazil
74	Sato Takushi	President of ASFLOA	Belem, Pará, Brazil	Promotion of international cooperation in Brazil
75	Tiago Passão Salgueiro	Deputy Mayor of Vila Viçosa	Vila Viçosa, Portugal	Promotion of Japan studies in Portugal
76	Sawada Kazuhiro	The Japan Karate Association Dan Graduation/Qualification Committee of Director	Bruxelles, Belgium	Promotion of Karate in Belgium
77	Shimozawa Shoko	Director, Division of Emergency, Security and Supply, UNHCR	Geneva, Switzerland	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
78	Lasse Skagen	Artistic Director, Films from the South	Oslo, Norway	Promotion of Japanese culture in Norway
79	Puti Guntur Soekarno	Former Chairperson, The Parliamentary Friendship Group between the Parliament of Indonesia and the Parliament of Japan	Special Capital Region of Jakarta, Indonesia	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia
80	Kazuo George Sugimoto	Former Chair of Keiro	Pasadena, California, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
81	Úlfar Steindórsson	First Chairman of Japanese–Icelandic Chamber of Commerce	Garðabær, Iceland	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and Iceland
82	Sukhee Battulga	Professor, Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Humanities, School of Arts and Sciences, National University of Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Mongolia
83	Stephen Hiro Sumida	Chair, American Studies Association–Japanese Association for American Studies Project Advisory Committee	Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and the U.S.A.
84	Seita Akihiro	UNRWA Director of Health	Jordan, Amman	Promotion of international cooperation

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85	Maria José de Mesquita Serra	Selection committee member of Japanese government scholarship students	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
86	Koji Francisco Sekiguchi Hoshino	Ex-vicepresidente de la Asociación México Japonesa	Mexico City, Mexico	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico
87	Tuija Seppänen	Former Manager of Japanitalo	Ranua, Finland	Promotion of Japanese culture in Finland
88	Akiko Sogabe	Kirie Artist	Bellevue, Washignton, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
89	Henderikus Son	President of the Kendo and Iaido Association of Mozambique (AKIMO)	Maputo, Mozambique	Promotion of Kendo in Mozambique
90	Iaioi Rosane Ueda Tao	Professora da Escola de Língua Japonesa da Associação Nipo-Brasileira de Ivoti	Novo Hamburgo, Rio Grande Do Sur, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese language education in Brazil
91	Takagi Yoshiyuki	Assistant Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
92	Carlos Takahashi	Assessor Especial do Gilberto Kassab	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
93	Glenn Minoru Tagawa	President of the Nikkeijin Kai of Colorado	Brighton, Colorado, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
94	Taniguchi Shinichiro	President, Federação das Associações de Províncias do Japão no Brasil	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
95	Dapo Akande	Chichele Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford	Oxford, United Kingdom	Promotion of the rule of law in the international community
96	Szyszka Sachiko	President of the German-Japanese Friendship Association of North-West Germany, Oldenburg	Leer, Lower Saxony, Germany	Promotion of Japanese culture in Germany
97	Nadica Caren	Honorary President of Croatia-Japan Cultural and Economic Society	Zagreb, Croatia	Promotion of Japanese culture in Croatia
98	Tsuji Yuzo	Former President, Comissão Organizadora da Campos Sakura Home	Sao Jose dos Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
99	Itoe Maria Guillermina Tsunekawa Osaki	Doctor	San Miguel, Santiago, Chile	Supporting implementation of consular services in Chile
100	Minoru Tsunoda	Honorary Member of the Board, Quebec Japan Business Forum	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and Canada
101	Luis Alfonso Díaz Broughton	Former President of Monbuchile	La Reina, Santiago, Chile	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Chile
102	Steven George Teraoka	Former President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California	Hillsborough, California, U.S.A	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and the U.S.A.
103	Sergio Norifumi Doi	Former President, Associação Japonesa de Santos	Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
104	Kathryn Doi Todd	Former Chair of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC)	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
105	Tóth-Vásárhelyi Réka	Kokeshi artist	Budapest, Hungary	Promotion of Japanese culture in Hungary

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106	Nelson Trad Filho	Senador Federal	Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
107	Sarah Elizabeth Thompson	Terrie and Bradley Bloom Curator of Japanese Prints, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	Lowell, Massachussetts, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
108	Nagai Sachiko	Dancer of traditional Japanese dance	Frankfurt, Germany	Promotion of Japanese culture in Germany
109	Silvana Harumi Nagai	Presidente da Associação Nagai	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Promotion of Judo in Brazil
110	Nagai Hiroko	Former Director, Ateneo De Manila University School of Social Science Japanese Studies Program	Marikina City, Republic of the Philippines	Promotion of Japanese culture in the Philippines
111	Nakamura Katsuji	Lecturer at United States International University	Nairobi, Kenya	Promotion of Japanese language education in Kenya
112	Nishizaki Akemi	Directora Legal de la Federación Nikkei Japonesa de Venezuela	Libertador, Caracas, Venezuela	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Venezuela
113	Nishimizu Kayo	Pianist	Michałowice, Poland	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Poland through music
114	Kazuo Nishimoto	Full Professor, Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, University of São Paulo	Cotia, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Brazil
115	Negi Naomi	Coordinator, Tampopo Kai, Japanese American Service Committee	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
116	Katarzyna Nowak	Director, Manggha Museum of Japanese Art and Technology	Myślenice, Poland	Promotion of Japanese culture in Poland
117	Rachel Barclay	Senior Curator Oriental Museum, Durham University	Durham, United Kingdom	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom through Japanese
118	Nezakete Hakaj	President of JICA Alumni Association of Kosovo	Pristina, Republic of Kosovo	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Kosovo
119	Madalena Natsuko Hashimoto Cordaro	Professora do Departamento de Letras Orientais, Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas, Universidade de São Paulo	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
120	Yukio Hasegawa	Former president of Rotary Club Chuquigato Marka	La Paz, Bolivia	Promotion of international cooperation in Bolivia
121	Hataya Noriko	Sophia University, Department of Hispanic Studies, Professor	Ichikawa-shi, Chiba, Japan	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Colombia
122	Monzurul Huq	Tokyo Bureau Chief, Prothom Alo	Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa, Japan	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Bangladesh
123	Gustavo Parra Espinosa	Judo Instructor	La Serena, Coquimbo, Chile	Promotion of Judo in Chile
124	Carlos Harasawa	3rd Vice-President of Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Assistance (Bunkyo)/Former Cultural Director	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
125	Roque Guillermo Páramo Rocha	Emeritus Professor of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia.	Bogotá, Colombia	Promotion of Japanese culture in Colombia
126	José Manuel Barba Cartaya	Representative of Cuba Aikido Hakkenkai	Cojimar, Havana, Cuba	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Cuba through Aikido

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127	Higashiguchi Kazufumi	President of the Chado Urasenke Tankokai Guangzhou Dokokai	Guangdong, Guangzhou, China	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and People's Republic of China through Chado
128	Andre Pienaar	President of Namibia Kendo Federation	Windhoek, Namibia	Promotion of Kendo in Namibia
129	Paulo Cruz Pimentel	Former Governor of Paraná, Brazil	Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
130	Hira Ryuko	CHAIRMAN The Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan	Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and India
131	Hirano Kumiko	Nonfiction Writer	Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan
132	Christine S. Pilcavage	Managing Director, MIT Japan Program, MIT International Science & Technology Initiative	Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
133	Milton Hiwatashi	Ex-Presidente da Associação de Assistência Nipo e Brasileira do Sul	Porto Alegre, Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
134	Minda Jamilosa Formacion	Former President, Philippine Association of the Japanese Government Scholars, Visayas Chapter	Iloilo City, Republic of the Philippines	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the Philippines
135	Fujii Yuko	Coach of Brazilian Men's National Judo Team	Numata-shi, Gunma, Japan	Promotion of Judo in Brazil
136	Akira Fujino	Former Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for East Asia and the Pacific	Machida-shi, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
137	Kristie Bryant	Chairperson, Austin-Oita Sister City Committee and Austin Sister Cities International	Austin, Texas, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
138	Robert John Pritchard	Historian	Ramsgate, Kent, United Kingdom	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom through Japan
139	Bruno Fernandez Iguini	Former Mayor of the city of La Paz	La Paz, Canelones, Uruguay	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Uruguay
140	Diego Brodersen	Director of Film programming at the Sala Leopoldo Lugones, Complejo Teatral de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Promotion of Japanese culture in Argentina
141	Suketoshi Beppu	Presidente do Esporte Clube Agrícola de Papucaia	Cachoeira de Macacu, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
142	Davide Benetello	Presidente del Settore Karate, FIJLKAM (Federazione Italiana Judo Lotta Karate Arti marziali)	Roma, Italy	Promotion of Karate in Italy
143	Honma Hideko	Ceramist	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
144	Ian Macdonald Marquand	President, Japan Friendship Club	Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
145	Flávio Armando Macarringue	Professor e promotor de Kendama em Moçambique	Caia, Sofala, Mozambique	Promotion of Japanese culture in Mozambique
146	Midori Makino	Former board of director of Japanese-Brazilian Pan-Amazonian Association	Ananindeua, Pará, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
147	Akiko Macdonald	Chairperson, The Burma Campaign Society	Basildon, Essex, United Kingdom	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom

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148	Kozo Matsuda	Honorary Advisor of North Alabama Japanese Garden	Huntsville, Alabama, U.S.A.	Promotion of Japanese culture in the U.S.A.
149	Karyl Matsumoto	Former Mayor, City of South San Francisco	San Francisco, California, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
150	Mariela Mizota Tamada	President of the Japanese Brazilian Cultural Association of Rondônia	Porto Velho, Rondônia, Brazil	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil
151	Kiyohiro Mitsui	Chief, Transportation and Life Support Service, Procurement Division	Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo, Japan	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
152	Yoshiharu Minemura	Origami Instructor	Ñuñoa, Santiago, Chile	Promotion of Japanese culture in Chile
153	Andrés Miyashiro Tokashiki	Former President of the Japanese Peruvian Association	Lima, Peru	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Peru
154	Muto Hideaki	Marienbad Honorary Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra	Narashino-shi, Chiba, Japan	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Czech Republic through music
155	Murai Tomohide	Honorary Professor Tokyo International University	Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan	Promotion of understanding about foreign/security policy
156	Mori Yoshiko	Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Georgetown University	Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.	Promotion of Japanese language education in the U.S.A.
157	Moriguchi Ikuko	Professor Emeritus, University of Hyogo	Kobe-shi, Hyogo, Japan	Promotion of international cooperation in Indonesia
158	Moritoki Nagisa	Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies at the Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana	Vrhnika, Slovenia	Promotion of Japanese language education in Slovenia
159	Keiko Yahata Larsson	Former International Exchange Liaison Officer of Town of Tobetsu,	Leksand, Dalarna, Sweden	Promotion of mutual understanding between sister cities
160	Yamaguchi Shoko	Journalist	Paris, France	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and France
161	Gerald H. Yamada	Former President of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)	Vienna, Virginia, U.S.A.	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
162	Masami Yamanouchi	Former President of the Center for Japanese Language Studies in Southern Paraná	Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese language education in Brazil
163	Yamamoto Nobuo	Chairman of "Tienda YAMAMOTO"	Mexico City, Mexico	Promotion of international cooperation in Mexico
164	Yamamoto Maki	President & CEO, International Culture Exchange Japan, Inc. (ICEJ)	Nakano-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Palestine
165	César Augusto Lacayo Lacayo	Board Member of Nicaragua-Japan Business-Forum	Managua, Nicaragua	Promotion of economic relations between Japan and Nicaragua
166	Shen Kyomei Ribeiro	Flute and Shakuhachi player	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Promotion of Japanese culture in Brazil
167	Mato Mui Liliau	The Head of Chieftains of Kakabona Village, Guadalcanal Province	Kakabona Village, Guadalcanal Province, Solomon Islands	Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Solomon Islands
168	Lin, Chen-Wei	Ex Professor of Hokkaido University Public Policy School	Taipei, Taiwan	Promotion of academic exchange between Japan and Taiwan

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169	Suzue Rother-Nakaya	President of the Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter	Gebenstorf, Aargau, Switzerland	Promotion of Ikebana in Switzerland
170	Jorge Braulio Rodríguez Quintana	Professor of Haiku	Habana del Este, Havana, Cuba	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Cuba through Haiku
171	Luperfina Eloísa Rojas Escobar	President of La Serena University	La Serena, Coquimbo, Chile	Promotion of cultural exchange between Japan and Chile
172	Watanabe Eimi	Former United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Holte, Denmark	Promotion of public awareness regarding the United Nations
173	Sande Ngalande	Former Lecturer, Japanese for Beginners, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zambia	Lusaka, Zambia	Promotion of Japanese language education in Zambia