

2016 Spring Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name	age	Address and Nationality
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening Japan-Azerbaijan relations and promoting mutual understanding between the two countries.	*Deputy Prime Minister *Co-Chairman of Joint Meeting of Japan-Azerbaijan Economic Committee and State Commission of Economic Cooperation between Azerbaijan and Japan	Abid Sharifov	76	Baku, Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Deputy Secretary of State *President of The Brookings Institution	Strobe Talbott	70	Washington DC, U.S.A (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States in the fields of science and technology, and to founding and promoting Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)	*Board Governor, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) *Board Director and Council Member, Science and Technology in Society (STS) forum *Institute Professor Emeritus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) *Nobel Laureate (Physics, 1990)	Jerome Isaac Friedman	86	Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Algeria	*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Minister of Energy and Mines *Minister, Advisor to the President of the Republic, in charge of energy issues *Former President of Sonatrach, State-owned Hydrocarbon Corporation	Youcef Yousfi	74	Alger, Alger, Algeria (Algeria)
Gran Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting cultural and economic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy	*Former Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs *Former Diplomatic Advisor of the President of the Council of Ministers *President of Fondazione Italia Giappone *Vice President of Italy-Japan Business Group *President of Venice International University *Former President of the Italian Trade Commission-ICE	Umberto Vattani	77	Roma, Lazio, Italy (Italy)
Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and friendship between Japan and Spain	*Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation *Former First Vicepresident of the Parliamentary Association for the Friendship between Spain and Japan	Trinidad Jiménez García-Herrera	53	Madrid Madrid Spain (Spain)

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Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Botswana	*Vice President *Former Minister of Education and Skills Development *Former Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration in the Office of the President	Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetshe Masisi	53	Gaborone, Botswana (Botswana)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening science and technology relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission *International Advisor of the Nuclear Regulation Authority *Executive Advisor to the Nuclear Risk Research Center of the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry	Richard Andrew Meserve	71	Falls Church, Virginia, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting legislative exchange, and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress *Former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) *Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives	Constance Albanese Morella	85	Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Italy thorough music	Conductor	Riccardo Muti	74	Ravenna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to developing economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Iraq	*Former Minister of Oil *Former Chairman of Prime Minister's Advisory Commission *Energy Advisor to the Prime Minister	Thamir Abbas Ghadhban Al-Ghadhban	71	Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq (Iraq)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India	*Former Secretary, Expenditure, Ministry of Finance *Former Secretary, Revenue, Ministry of Finance *Former member, Planning Commission *Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Member, Senior Advisory Board, International High-Speed Rail Association	Nand Kishore Singh	75	Patna, Bihar, India (India)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting educational and academic exchanges and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and Indonesia	*Former Rector of Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology *Former Minister for National Education *Former Minister for Education and Culture	Mohammad Nuh	56	Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia (Indonesia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Ukraine	*Former Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan, *Former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs *Former acting First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs	Yurii Kostenko	70	Kyiv, Ukraine (Ukraine)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contribution to promoting Japan-UK mutual understanding and strengthening the bilateral relation	* Former UK Co-chair, UK-Japan 21th Century Group * Former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Government Policy at the Cabinet Office *Former Member of House of Commons * Member of House of Lords	Jack Cunningham	76	Stocksfield, Northumberland The United Kingdom (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Canada	*Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan *Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs *Former Deputy Minister of International Trade	Leonard John Edwards	69	Nepean, Ontario, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Singapore	*Former Ambassador of Singapore to Japan *Former Coordinator of Singapore's efforts to support the Japanese People during the 2011 Tohoku Disaster	Chew Tai Soo	75	Singapore (Singapore)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting scientific and technological exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden	*Former President of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences *Former Professor at Stockholm University	Barbara Cannon	69	Stockholm, Sweden (Sweden and U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	Rector of the University of Salamanca	Daniel Hernández Ruipérez	62	Salamanca, Castillay León, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and defense exchanges between Japan and Thailand	*Former Chief of Staff, Royal Thai Navy *Former President, National Defense Academy Alumni Association in Thailand	Thanarat Ubol	61	Laksi District, Bangkok, Thailand (Thailand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding and strengthening economic relations between Japan and Thailand	*Former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labor *Former Director General, Department of Skill Development, Ministry of Labor *Former President, JICA Alumni Association of Thailand	Nakorn Silpa Archa	61	Sanambinnam, Nonthaburi, Thailand (Thailand)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Tunisia	*Former Ambassador of Tunisia to Japan *President of the Association for Tunisian-Japan Friendship	Salah Hannachi	71	Ben Arous, Mégrine, Tunisia (Tunisia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former Deputy Foreign Minister *Chairman of the Munich Security Conference *Member of the international Global Zero Commission	Wolfgang Ischinger	70	Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Turkey	*Former Ambassador of Turkey to Japan *Board of Trustees of the Turkish Japanese Foundation	Necati Utkan	73	Ankara, Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Turkey	*Former President of TUSIAD *Former Chairman of Turkish-Japanese Business Council of DEIK (Chairman of Japan-Turkey Joint Economic Committee) *Chairman of Anadolu Group	Tuncay Ozilhan	68	Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to strengthening relations between Japan and France in the field of science, technology, and industry	*Former Chairman of Commissariat à l'énergie atomique *Honorary Chairman of Valeo *Council Member of Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum)	Pascal Colombani	70	Paris, Ile-de-France, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to developing musical culture in Japan and promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia.	*Rector of Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory *Former Minister of Culture and Mass Communications	Alexander Sergeevich Sokolov	66	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese studies and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Professor of University of Hawaii at Manoa *Chairman of Nippon Golden Network (NGN)	Dennis Masaaki Ogawa	72	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting legislative exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Co-Director of US-Japan Legislative Exchange Program *Professor of George Washington University	Henry R. Nau	74	Washington, DC, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates	*Former Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Energy Authority *Former Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development	Nasser Ahmed Khalifa Al Sowaidi	55	Abu Dhabi, Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (United Arab Emirates)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Argentina	Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Cordoba	Norberto Antonio Bertaina	78	Cordoba, Cordoba, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening of relations between Japan and Indonesia in the field of Japanese language education and Japanese studies	*Former President of Indonesia Association for Japanese Studies *Head of Department of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Indonesia *Former Vice Dean of Faculty of Humanities, Darma Persada University *Former Head of Department of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Bina Nusantara University	I Ketut Surajaya	66	Depok, West Java, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to introducing Japan to the UK and promoting understanding of Japan in the UK	*Former Editor of The Economist *Member of the Japan-UK 21st Century Group	William John Emmott (Bill Emmott)	59	Dulverton, Somerset, The United Kingdom (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Australia	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Adelaide *Former Deputy Chairman of Australia-Japan Foundation	Adam Wynn	58	St Peters, South Australia, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese studies, the promotion of Japanese language education in Australia and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia	*Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney *Former Professor, School of Language and Cultures, University of Sydney *Former Head, School of Asian Studies, School of Languages and Cultures, University of Sydney	Hugh Denis Blake Clarke	72	Seaforth, New South Wales, Australia (Australia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Netherlands	*Former Mayor of Amstelveen *Mayor of Utrecht *Chairman of the Association of Dutch Municipalities	Jan Hendrikus Cornelis van Zanen	54	Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands (Netherlands)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Canada	Honorary Consul-General of Japan at St. John's	Victor Leyland Young	70	St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting a better understanding of Japan in the field of international security	*Professor emeritus of the Complutense University of Madrid *President of the investigation team on security and international cooperation in the Complutense University of Madrid	Antonio Marquina Barrio	70	Madrid, Madrid, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank	Andreas Dombret	56	Bad Homburg, Hesse, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting economic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	*Former President of the TRUMPF GmbH + Co. KG. *Former President of the VDMA (Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau e.V.) * Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Berthold Leibinger Stiftung GmbH	Berthold Leibinger	85	Ditzngen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay	*President of the Paraguay-Japan Association *Former Vice Minister of Education and Culture *Vice President of Nihon Gakko University	Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega	59	Fernado de la Mora, Central, Paraguay (Paraguay)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Paraguay through parliamentary exchanges and school education	*Former President of the Paraguay-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Commission in the Chamber of Deputies *President of Nihon Gakko University *Former member of the Chamber of Deputies	Dionisio Ortega	63	Fernado de la Mora, Central, Paraguay (Paraguay)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Liechtenstein	Adviser of the Japan-Liechtenstein Association	Heinrich Auwärter	72	Balzers, Liechtenstein (Liechtenstein)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange between Japan and Russia.	Honorary President of the National Research Centre "Kurchatov Institute"	Evgeny Pavlovich Velikhov	81	Moscow, Russia (Russia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing musical culture in Japan and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Russia	*Head of International Cooperation Division of Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory *Former vice-rector of Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory *Professor of Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory	Vladimir Vladimirovich Sukhanov	79	Moscow, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting academic exchange between Japan and Russia	*Former Director of Russian State Historical Archive *Former Head of Department of Archival Science of Institute of History of Saint Petersburg University *Professor of Department of Museology of Institute of History of Saint Petersburg University	Aleksandr Rostislavovich Sokolov	66	Saint Petersburg, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting the status of Japanese Americans in the United States and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former President, Board of Directors, Little Tokyo Service Center *Former Chair, California Japanese American Community Leadership Council	Alan Takeshi Nishio	70	Gardena, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese Culture through Japanese Garden and understanding of Japan in the United States	Director, The Huntington Library Botanical Garden	James P. Folsom	65	San Marino, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the development of Japanese musical culture and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Belgium	Singer	Salvatore Adamo	72	Brussels, Belgium (Italy / Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the betterment of welfare for the Japanese community in Egypt	*Honorary Director, Anglo-American Hospital Association *Deputy Chairman and Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors *Head of the Surgical Department	Nader Halim Kaldas Grace	63	Cairo, Egypt (Egypt)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Netherlands	*Managing Director of Dutch & Japanese Trade Federation *Vice Chairman of the Foundation of the Netherlands Help Japan *Managing Partner of Global Bridges BV	Radboud L.J. Maria Molijn	64	Bussum, Noord-Holland, Netherlands (Netherlands)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting Japanese language education and Japan studies in Canada and enabling further mutual understanding between Japan and Canada.	*Professor of the Department of Linguistics, Language and Culture, University of Calgary *Former Head of the Department of Germanic, Slavic and East Asian Studies University of Calgary	Yang X. Jie	56	Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Canada)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting a better understanding of Japan in Spain	*Former Tokyo Bureau Chief of Agencia EFE *Deputy Director in charge of Night Wire Service of Agencia EFE	Carlos Domínguez Viguera	59	Madrid, Madrid, Spain (Spain)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Korea	*Chairman of Busan-Fukuoka Forum *Former chairman of Busan Bank *Adviser, BNK Financial Group	Jang-ho Lee	69	Busan, Republic of Korea (Korea)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Bangladesh	*Former Director, Foreign Investment Promotion, Board of Investment *Former Advisor for Development Cooperation and Economic Affairs, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh	M. Jalalul Hai	61	Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Finland through music	*Cellist *Founder and former Artistic director of Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival *Former Vice-Chairman of Executive committee, Festival advisor, Artistic director, Kitakyushu International Music Festival	Seppo Kimanen	67	Helsinki, Finland (Finland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and France through the gastronomy, and popularizing Japanese food culture	Owner chef of the restaurant “Paul Bocuse”	Paul Bocuse	90	Collonges-au-Mont-d’Or, Rhone, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia through music.	*Associate professor of Music Theory Division of Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory *Leader of Japanese Music Ensemble “Wa-On”	Margarita Ivanovna Karatygina	60	Moscow, Russia (Russia)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Russia	*Former President of the Sakhalin-Japan Society	Nikolai Mikhailovich Zotov	76	Kaliningrad, Kaliningrad, Russia (Russia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to advancement of social status of Japanese Americans in the United States and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Former Governor of Intermountain District Council of Japanese American Citizens League *Former co-President of Salt Lake Chapter of Japanese American Citizens League	Jeanette M. Misaka	85	Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina	*Writer *President of the Jorge Luis Borges International Foundation	María Kodama	79	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Argentina)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	Former Coordinator of Gonenkai	Mary Grace Browning	71	Bury St.Edmunds, Suffolk, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom	*Chief Executive of the Japan Society *Former Executive Director of the Japan21	Heidi Caroline Potter	55	Sutton, Surrey, The United Kingdom (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Austria	*Toyota Frey Austria GmbH President *Member of the Austrian-Japanese Society	Friedrich Frey	80	Vienna, Austria (Austria)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to introducing Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan through Ikebana in the Netherlands	*President of the Dutch Ikebana Association *Former President of Ikebana International, Chapter 215	Cornelia Verena van Der Meer - Fischer	78	Olst, Overijssel Netherlands (Netherlands/ Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting the development and friendly relations of the community of the Japanese-Canadians in Canada	*Former President, National Nikkei Heritage Centre Society *President, Nikkei Place Foundation *Director, The Canada-Japan Society of British Columbia	Robert Tadashi Banno	73	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (Canada)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting regional exchange and friendly relations between Japan and Switzerland	*Former Director of Mayor's Office of Geneva City *Former Member of the Committee of Geneva Shinagawa Friendship Association *Former President of the Executive Committee of "Autumn of Japanese Culture"	Erhardt	Jean	68	Carouge, Geneva, Switzerland (Switzerland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to disseminating Japanese culture and promoting understanding of Japan in Sri Lanka	*Former President of Japan Sri Lanka Technical and Cultural Association *Vice Patron of Japan Sri Lanka Technical and Cultural Association	Gilbert Kulatilake		75	Maharagama, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	Former board member of the German-Japanese Society Frankfurt am Main	Klaus Peter Kasper		76	Nidderau, Hessen, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Germany	President of the German-Japanese society Passau	Sibylle Rauscher		74	Passau, Bavaria, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand	President of the New Zealand Japan Society of Auckland	Stephen Duxfield		58	Auckland, New Zealand (New Zealand)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Hungary through theatre performances	*Director, Debrecen Players' Studio *Former principal director, Csokonai Theater, Debrecen	Pinczés István		63	Debrecen, Hajdú Vihar, Hungary (Hungary)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese Brazilian community and promoting cultural exchange and friendly relations in Brazil.	*Former Vice-President of the Federation of Northwest Japanese Culture Associations *Former President of the Association of Japanese Culture in Bauru *Former Member of Bauru Municipal Assembly	Futaro Sato		78	Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese Brazilian community in Brazil and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	*Former President of Japan-Brazil Cultural Beneficial Association at Curitiba *Former member of city council at Curitiba	Jorge Yamawaki		74	Curitiba, Brazil (Brazil)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to enhancing the status of Japanese Peruvian community in Peru and promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Peru	*Former President of the Peruvian Japanese Association *Director of the Peruvian Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry *Former President of the Peru Yamaguchi Kenjin Association	Luis Alfonso Huemura Yoshimoto	53	Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the dissemination of Aikido in Belgium and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Belgium	*Aikido-Ka *Former President of Belgium Aikikai *Former Belgian representative of International Aikido Federation	Daniel Leclerre	65	Herstal Belgium (Belgium)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening economic relations between Japan and Malaysia	*Former Chairman of Perak Malaysian-Japanese Friendship Society *Honorary Advisor of Perak Malaysian-Japanese Friendship Society *Former Director and General Manager of Perak Teamwork Sdn. Bhd.	Hew Choy Khoun	71	Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays	Contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and Brazil	*Former Director of Construtora Toda do Brasil S/A *Former Associate Director of Associação Hokkaido de Cultura e Assistência	Tadanobu Sakuma	71	São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai	Mohnaz Ashish Karande	63	Mumbai city, Maharashtra, India (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai	Abdul Salam Shaikh	62	Thane, Maharashtra, India (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia	Ellys Indirayanthi	60	Block M, Jakarta Province, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contribution to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Austria	Ingrid Pass	69	Vienna, Austria (Austria)

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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 of the Embassy of Japan in the Czech Republic	Emilie Larvova	65	Prague, Prague, Czech Republic (Czech Republic)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Brazil	Maria de Jesus Meireles	61	Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam	Pg Sukinah Binti Pg Dato Paduka Haji Hidup	60	Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam (Brunei)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia	Chea Chan Nakry	62	Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Vietnam	Nguyen Thi Hoang Hoa	58	Hanoi, Vietnam (Vietnam)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in the Lao PDR	Onesy SengOuthai	60	Vientiane, Lao PDR. (Lao PDR)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting higher education at private institutions in Japan	*Professor Emeritus, Waseda University *Former Vice Chairman of German East Asiatic Society	Christlieb Yuho Jobst	80	Suginami ward, Tokyo, Japan (Germany)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to developing the French linguistic ability for Japanese diplomats and others	Former Special Chief Instructor of the Foreign Service Training Institute	André Antoine Gardella	65	Nishio, Aichi, Japan (France)