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2015 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decorations

1. On 3rd November 2015 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2015 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decorations.
2. Among the 89 foreign recipients are Former President of Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Professor Hans G. Forsberg and Former President of the Swedish Red Cross, Ms Eva von Oelreich.

·NAME (AGE): Hans G. Forsberg (85)

·DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star

·SERVICE: Contribution to the promotion of the academic and industrial relations between Japan and Sweden

·MAJOR TITLES: Former President of Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Former Chairman of Sweden-Japan Foundation

·ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Stockholm (Sweden)

·NAME (AGE): Eva von Oelreich (71)

·DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon

·SERVICE: Contribution to the international cooperation by Japan in the field of disaster prevention and to the promotion of understanding of Japan

·MAJOR TITLES: Former President of the Swedish Red Cross, Former Vice-President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Former Head of Disaster Preparedness

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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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3. Japanese Decorations are conferred upon foreigners twice a year, on April 29 and November 3, concurrently with the conferment of decorations and medals to Japanese nationals. On 3rd November 2015, the Government of Japan announced the conferment of decorations on 89 foreigners, of which 13 will receive The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star and 18 will receive The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.
4. The Orders of the Rising Sun are bestowed upon individuals of merit, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the nation or public. The Orders of the Rising Sun are also conferred upon foreign nationals who have made notable contribution to promotion of exchanges between Japan and other countries in fields such as research and education, medicine and social welfare, economy and industry, and culture and sports.
5. For further information on Japanese Decorations and Medals, see <http://www8.cao.go.jp/shokun/en/index-e.html>

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