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Dr. Ronald Roskens to Receive High Honor from the Government of Japan

The Government of Japan is pleased to announce that His Majesty the Emperor of Japan will bestow upon Dr. Ronald W. Roskens of Nebraska the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star. This award, which is one of highest honors given to foreign nationals, commends Dr. Roskens' contributions to the promotion of exchange and friendship between Japan and the United States of America.

On May 7th, Prime Minister Hatoyama will present Dr. Roskens with the award on behalf of His Majesty the Emperor in a ceremony at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Dr. Roskens and other honorees will then be received by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

After serving five years as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dr. Roskens was named president of the University of Nebraska in 1977. In this role, he was deeply committed to strengthening exchange programs with Japan and other countries. In 1990, Dr. Roskens was appointed by President George Bush to serve as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

From 1999 to 2009, Dr. Roskens served as Honorary Consul General of Japan in Omaha. Born and raised in Iowa, Dr. Roskens earned his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 1958.

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