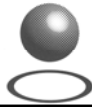


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Professor Emeritus of the University of Kansas Decorated by the Emperor of Japan

On November 3, the Government of Japan announced that His Majesty the Emperor of Japan will bestow upon Dr. Andrew T. Tsubaki, Professor Emeritus of the University of Kansas, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette. This award is one of the most prestigious decorations in Japan.

Dr. Tsubaki is being honored for his lifelong promotion of Japanese culture, especially the Japanese classical theatre forms, Noh, Kyogen and Kabuki, as a professor of both the Department of Theatre and Film, and East Asian Languages and Cultures, until his retirement in 2000. He also practices Ki-Aikido as the head instructor of the Kansas Ki Society in Lawrence. He served as the president of the Heart of America Japan-America Society in the Greater Kansas City area, and as the Executive Director of the Japan Festival for Greater Kansas City. He has published articles in the area of Japanese theatre and translated a number of plays from Japanese to English. His work as "Cultural Ambassador" has not been limited to Kansas and Missouri, but extends throughout the country and anywhere in the world his choreography and lectures can be found.

Born on November 29, 1931, Dr. Tsubaki moved to the United States in 1958. He received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1967 and started teaching Theatre at the University of Kansas as an assistant professor in 1968. Though he retired in 2000, he continues to teach Japanese culture as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Kansas.

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