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Professor Emeritus at University of Kansas Receives Prestigious Decoration

The Consul General of Japan at Chicago, Kenji Shinoda, will bestow upon Dr. T. Andrew Tsubaki, Professor Emeritus at The University of Kansas, The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette, on behalf of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. This award is one of the most prestigious decorations in Japan.

The decoration bestowment ceremony will be held at the *SHINNENKAI* (New Year Party) of the Heart of America Japan-America Society at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel at 8 pm on **Friday, January 19th**.

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 served as President of the Heart of America Japan-America Society in the Greater Kansas Area, and as Executive Director of the Japan Festival in Greater Kansas City. He has published articles in the area of Japanese theatre and translated plays from Japanese to English. As a “Cultural Ambassador”, he has presented his choreography and lectures in Kansas and Missouri as well as across the United States and abroad.

Born on November 29, 1931, Dr. Tsubaki moved to the United States in 1958. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1967 and started teaching Theatre at The University of Kansas as an assistant professor in 1968. In his retirement, he continues to teach Japanese culture as Professor Emeritus at The University of Kansas. He also practices Ki-Aido as the head instructor of the Kansas Ki Society in Lawrence.

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