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## **Order of the Rising Sun Conferred upon Four Individuals in Chicago for Outstanding Contribution to Japan-US Relations**

[November 3, 2017] Today, the Government of Japan announced the 149 foreign recipients of the 2017 Autumn Decoration, which is conferred by the Emperor of Japan.

From Chicago, four individuals have been recognized for their outstanding contribution to the Japan-US relationship. The recipients include:

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star for Mr. Leo Melamed**, founder of financial futures and Chairman Emeritus of the CME Group; Chairman of the CME Group Strategic Steering Committee; Former Council member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; founder and member of Committee on Conscience at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Mr. Melamed has been a critical force in advancing the frontiers of the financial futures market in Japan. He has also furthered understanding of Japan by keeping alive the story of Chiune Sugihara, who issued life-saving transit visas during World War II.

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for Dr. Anil Kashyap**, Edward Eagle Brown Professor of Economics and Finance; The University of Chicago Booth School of Business; Research Associate for the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Professor Kashyap has played a vital role in promoting and disseminating high-quality research on the Japanese financial system and Japan's economic policies. He has coordinated conferences which brought together Japanese and American researchers in partnership with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), the think-tank under the Cabinet Office of Japan.

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for Dr. Raaj Sah**, Professor, The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

Professor Sah was instrumental in cultivating policy discussion on tax reform and organization management in Japan as a visiting scholar at the Ministry of Finance of Japan (2012, 2013) and has been committed to increasing Japan's educational and professional

connections with the United States and ASEAN countries.

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays for Ms. Jean Mishima**, Former President of the Chicago Japanese American Council; President of the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society; Board member of Heiwa Terrace.

Ms. Mishima has dedicated to passing Japanese American history on to the next generation and to supporting the well-being of the Japanese American community.

The remarkable achievements of each recipient represent the diversity and depth of the relations between Japan and the United States.

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