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**Consulate-General
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Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals

On May 21, the Government of Japan announced the 142 foreign recipients of the 2019 Spring Decoration, which is conferred by the Emperor of Japan.

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

- **The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star for Honorable Michael H. Moskow**, Chairman, the Japan America Society of Chicago; Vice Chair and Distinguished Fellow on the Global Economy, Chicago council on Global Affairs; Former Deputy United States Trade Representative with rank of Ambassador; Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Throughout his professional career, Honorable Moskow has contributed to strengthening economic relationship and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States. He has played a vital role in the USTR during the trade negotiation between Japan and the United States under George H.W. Bush administration.

- **The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays for Mr. William G. Christensen**, Senior Clerk, Consulate General of Japan in Chicago.

Mr. Christensen has contributed to Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago since August 21, 1978.

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

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