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**Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays Conferred upon
Mr. James Allen McClung in Illinois,
Director of the Japan America Society of Chicago,
for His Outstanding Contribution to the Japan US Relationship**

On April 29, the Government of Japan announced the 117 foreign recipients of the 2020 Spring Decoration, which is conferred by the Emperor of Japan.

From Illinois, Mr. James Allen McClung, Director of the Japan America Society of Chicago, has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Japan-US relationship.

As Director of the Japan America Society of Chicago for over 30 years, Mr. McClung has contributed to strengthening the bilateral relationship and to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States. With his abundant business experience and through strong relationships with various business communities, Mr. McClung has supported the stable operations of the organization. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Japan America Society of Chicago.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago is honored to celebrate Mr. McClung's accomplishments and the Japan America Society of Chicago's remarkable history. Individuals, such as Mr. McClung, and organizations, such as the Society, are essential to the growth and flourishing of the extraordinary partnership between Japan and the United States.

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