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**Order of the Rising Sun Conferred upon
Mr. Richard E. Stahl in Minnesota.
for Outstanding Contribution to Japan-US Relations**

[November 3, 2020] On November 3, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2020 Autumn Decoration, which is conferred by the Emperor of Japan.

From Minnesota, Mr. Richard E. Stahl has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Japan-US relationship:

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette** for Mr. Richard E. Stahl, Former Honorary Consul of Japan in Minneapolis

As the Honorary Consul of Japan in Minnesota for 5 years, Mr. Stahl made invaluable contributions to the Japan-Minnesota relationship by facilitating exchange through Japanese culture, economy, and a variety of other fields. He also actively collaborated with the Japan America Society of Minnesota and their activities as their former president. In addition, he worked hard in promoting the sister city relationships between Minneapolis and Ibaraki city, as well as St. Paul and Nagasaki city. Mr. Stahl also passionately supported Japanese residents living in Minnesota.

Mr. Stahl also provided great support of the Japan-United States relationship in Chicago. Mr. Stahl served in senior leadership positions with the Japan America Society of Chicago from 1983 to 2000. He was Executive Vice President of the Society for most of the 1990's. In addition, he was Executive Vice President of The Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan for 12 years. As such, he was the most senior American working with a Japan Bank in Chicago.

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

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