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**Order of the Rising Sun Conferred upon
Mr. George J. Behringer in Nebraska
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 Nebraska, Mr. George J. Behringer has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Japan-US relationship:

- **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for Mr. George J. Behringer,** Former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Omaha

Mr. Behringer provided invaluable service as the Honorary Consul General of Japan in Omaha for 10 years by expanding the business, cultural and educational connections between Japan and Nebraska. During that time, he made significant contributions to the Japan-Nebraska relationship by facilitating exchanges in those fields. He was also a leader in the enrichment of the Shizuoka-Omaha Sister City relationship, in particular, with the planning and execution of the 50th Anniversary celebration of the relationship.

During his service he facilitated many significant meetings and collaborations between Japanese and Nebraska business and government leaders. Mr. Behringer helped raise funds to move and restore an historic Japanese Hall building to the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering, Nebraska. The Hall will educate the public about the contributions of Japanese immigrants in Nebraska's history.

Mr. Behringer informed Nebraskans that Japan is Nebraska's largest foreign direct investor and that Japan is Nebraska's number one export market outside of North America.

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

For more information, please contact the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago at 312-280-0400.

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