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**Consulate-General
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**Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays Conferred upon
Ms. Karen Izui Kanemoto in Illinois,
Executive Director of the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago,
for Her Outstanding Contribution to the Japanese American Community in the U.S.**

On April 29, the Government of Japan announced the 117 foreign recipients of the 2021 Spring Decoration, which is conferred by the Emperor of Japan.

From Illinois, Ms. Karen Izui Kanemoto, Executive Director of the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, has been recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Japanese American Community in the U.S.

Karen has worked for the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago as Executive Director for over 15 years. In that time, she has managed JMAS property, offering cemetery plots mainly for Japanese American, at Montrose Cemetery and sponsored an annual Memorial Day Service. Previously, she also served on the Japanese American Service Committee as both manager and staff member for over 15 years. There, she helped carry on the legacy of Japanese Americans.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago is honored to celebrate Ms. Kanemoto's accomplishments to the Japanese American Community. Organizations, such as the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, are essential to preserving the legacy of the Japanese American Community in the U.S.

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