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**Conferment Ceremony and Reception
Held in Nebraska for Mr. George J. Behringer,
Recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun,
Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon**

[August 16, 2021] On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, a conferment ceremony and reception were held at the Omaha Country Club for Honorary Consul-General Emeritus of Japan in Omaha Mr. George J. Behringer. Consul-General of Japan in Chicago Kenichi Okada presented Mr. Behringer with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.

Mr. Behringer's family was in attendance at the ceremony. Consul-General Okada delivered the congratulatory remarks and presented his decoration and certificate to Mr. Behringer, after which Mr. Behringer delivered his own address.

In his 10 years as Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Omaha, Mr. Behringer helped expand business, cultural, and educational ties between Japan and Nebraska. During that time, he made significant contributions to the Japan-Nebraska relationship by facilitating exchanges in those fields. He also provided invaluable leadership by cultivating the Shizuoka-Omaha sister city relationship, helping to plan and implement the 50th anniversary celebration of the relationship.

Mr. Behringer facilitated many significant meetings and collaborations between business and government leaders from Japan and Nebraska. He also helped raise funds to move and restore a historic Japanese Hall building to the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering, Nebraska. The Hall aims to educate the public about the contributions of Japanese immigrants to Nebraska's history.

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

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Conferment of the diploma



Group photo
(Mr. Behringer and family, Consul-General Okada)

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