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**Conferment Ceremony and Reception
Held in Minnesota for Mr. Richard E. Stahl,
Recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun,
Gold Rays with Rosette**

[August 16, 2021] On Thursday, August 12, 2021, a conferment ceremony and reception were held at the Minneapolis Institute of Art for Honorary Consul Emeritus of Japan in Minneapolis Mr. Richard E. Stahl. Consul-General of Japan in Chicago Mr. Kenichi Okada presented Mr. Stahl with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette.

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

In his five years as Honorary Consul of Japan in Minneapolis, Mr. Stahl made invaluable contributions to the Japan-Minnesota relationship by facilitating cultural, economic, and similar exchanges with Japan. As a former president of the Japan America Society of Minnesota, he actively collaborated with the society on their activities. In addition, he made significant strides in promoting the Minneapolis-Ibaraki and St. Paul-Nagasaki sister city relationships, while also tirelessly supporting Japanese residents of Minnesota.

Mr. Stahl was instrumental in fostering Japan-U.S. relations in Chicago. Mr. Stahl served in senior leadership positions with the Japan America Society of Chicago from 1983 to 2000, including a long tenure as the society's executive vice president for most of the 1990s. He also served as executive vice president of the Chicago branch of the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan for 12 years, making him the city's most senior American working with a Japanese bank.

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.



Conferment of the diploma



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

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