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of Japan in Chicago**

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The Conferment Ceremony for the 2023 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals Mr. David D. Johnson

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, the Conferment Ceremony for the 2023 Autumn Conferment of Decoration was held at Union League Club in Chicago for Mr. David D. Johnson on the occasion of the 94th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner by Japan-America Society of Chicago. Consul-General Jun Yanagi presented to Mr. Johnson the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette.

Mr. David D. Johnson has been continuously dedicated to the Japan America Society of Chicago (JASC), promoting interregional exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States. Since joining in 2005, he has served in multiple leadership positions within JASC. From 2016 to 2021 he served as JASC's President, where he led JASC's various events from Illinois Japan Bowls for high school students learning Japanese, to its annual Anniversary Celebratory Dinners inviting high-level keynote speakers on Japan-U.S. relations. Since 2014, he has additionally served as Chair or Co-Chair of the Development Committee in JASC, and significantly contributed to the organization's fundraising, which is critical for JASC's activities in promoting cultural exchanges as well as mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.

Consul-General Yanagi delivered congratulatory remarks and presented to Mr. Johnson the patent of decoration and the decoration, conferred by His Majesty the Emperor. Mr. Johnson then delivered his reply address.



Conferment of the Patent of Decoration
(the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette)



Group Photo
At the celebration dinner on June 20th

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