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## **The 2025 Foreign Minister's Commendation Award Ceremony in honor of Ms. Yoshiko Urayama**

On Thursday, November 13, an Award Ceremony for the 2025 Foreign Minister's Commendation was held at the Official Residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago in honor of Ms. Yoshiko Urayama. The Foreign Minister's Commendation was presented to Ms. Urayama by Consul-General Masashi Mizobuchi.

Ms. Yoshiko Urayama served as the President and Editor-in-Chief of the Chicago Shimpō, the only Japanese-English bilingual newspaper in the American Midwest. For nearly 25 years, she has dedicated herself to reporting that meets the needs of the Japanese residents and Japanese American community in the Chicago area. Her coverage included news from all parts of the Chicagoland area — such as events organized by the Consulate-General of Japan — as well as news and interviews from Japan, and commentaries on Japanese current affairs. Additionally, in collaboration with the Hoover Institution Library & Archives at Stanford University and the University of Chicago Library, she has also been making efforts to digitize and make publicly accessible the entire archive of the Chicago Shimpō.

Ms. Yoshiko Urayama, her family, and friends attended the ceremony. Consul-General Mizobuchi delivered congratulatory remarks and presented Ms. Urayama with the certificate and commemorative gift awarded by the Foreign Minister. Ms. Urayama then delivered the reply address.



Presentation of the Certificate  
(Foreign Minister's Commendation)



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