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**2022 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration**

1. On 29 April 2022, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2022 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration. From Sweden, the following recipient has been conferred with a decoration.

- NAME: Lars Heikensten
- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- SERVICE: Contribution to strengthening economic relations and promoting academic exchanges between Japan and Sweden
- MAJOR TITLES: Former Governor of the Swedish Central Bank  
Former Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation
- ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Stockholm (Sweden)

2. Japanese Decorations are conferred upon foreigners twice a year, on 29 April and 3 November, concurrently with the conferment of decorations and medals to Japanese nationals. The Orders of the Rising Sun are bestowed upon individuals of merit, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the nation or public. The Orders of the Rising Sun are also conferred upon foreign nationals who have made notable contribution to promotion of exchanges between Japan and other countries in fields such as research and education, medicine and social welfare, economy and industry, and culture and sports.

3. For further information on Japanese Decorations and Medals, see <https://www8.cao.go.jp/shokun/en/index-e.html>

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