

## Conferment of a Japanese Order to Prof. Jan Lindhe



**Prof. Jan Lindhe**



**Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon**

On 3 November, Culture Day of Japan, in 2013, the Government of Japan announced that Prof. Jan Lindhe was conferred a Japanese order, namely, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon. The conferment ceremony for him was held at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

Prof. Lindhe was given the Order in recognition of his outstanding contribution to developing prevention/treatment methods in periodontal disease and to educating researchers for dentistry.

As a professor at University of Gothenburg, Prof. Lindhe had engaged in research of treatment and prevention methods in periodontal disease and established the basis for plaque control-based treatment and prevention methods. The plaque control-based treatment and prevention methods reached Japan through his academic essays and the researchers for dentistry educated by him, and eventually made its way into the national health policy in Japan.

Throughout his career as a professor, and even after his retirement, Prof. Lindhe engaged in the training of many Japanese researchers for dentistry. At Gothenburg University he was involved in accepting Japanese researchers and providing directions to them, giving many Japanese researchers the opportunity to study here in Sweden, an advanced country in dentistry. Furthermore, he came to Japan almost every year for the last

3 decades for the purpose of holding lectures. The number of the people who took part in the lecture is now more than 20,000.

Conferment of Japanese Decorations to foreigners:

Japanese decorations are conferred upon foreigners twice a year, on April 29 and November 3, concurrently with the conferment of orders and medals to Japanese. On 3 November 2013, Japanese decorations were awarded upon 49 foreigners.

The Order of the Rising Sun is bestowed upon individuals of merit, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the promotion of exchange between Japan and other countries in fields such as research and education, medicine and social welfare, economy and industry, and culture and sports.

For further information on Japanese Decorations and Medals, see

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/shokun/en/index-e.html>