

**Embassy of Japan in Sweden**

Gärdesgatan 10, SE-115 27

Stockholm, SWEDEN

**PRESS RELEASE**

29 April 2017

**2017 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration**

1. On 29 April 2017 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2017 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration.
2. Among the 105 foreign recipients is Mr. Carl Eric Stålberg, Former Chairman of Sweden-Japan Foundation and Former Chairman of Swedbank.
3. ·NAME (AGE): Carl Eric Stålberg (66)  
·DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon  
·SERVICE: Contribution to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden  
·MAJOR TITLES: Former Chairman of Sweden-Japan Foundation  
Former Chairman of Swedbank  
·ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Stockholm (Sweden)
4. 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. On 29 April 2017, the Government of Japan announced the conferment of decorations on 105 foreigners, of which 32 receive The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.
5. 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.
6. For further information on Japanese Decorations and Medals, see <http://www8.cao.go.jp/shokun/en/index-e.html>

Ms. Hanako MORITA, Protocol Officer

Tel: 08-5793-5300

Email: [koho@st.mofa.go.jp](mailto:koho@st.mofa.go.jp)

-End-