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**2018 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration**

1. On 29 April 2018 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2018 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration. From Sweden, the following recipients shall be conferred with decoration.

·NAME (AGE): Leif Almö (74)

·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: Honorary Consul General of Japan in Malmö  
Director of the Board of Sweden Japan Foundation

·ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Vellinge, Skåne (Sweden)

·NAME (AGE): Edvard Fleetwood (65)

·DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette

·SERVICE: Contribution to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden

·MAJOR TITLES: Secretary General of Sweden Japan Foundation  
Board member and Secretary to the Board of the Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation  
Former Foreign Secretary of Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences  
Member of the Board of Sweden Japan Parliamentarian Association

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

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