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2023 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration

1. On 29 April 2023, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2023 Spring Conferment of Japanese Decoration. From Sweden, the following two recipients have been conferred with decorations.

- NAME: Ole Petter Ottersen
- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- SERVICE: Contribution to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden.
- MAJOR TITLES: Former President of Karolinska Institutet
- ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Stockholm (Norway)

- NAME: Sten Lindahl
- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon
- SERVICE: Contribution to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden.
- MAJOR TITLES: Former Professor at Karolinska Institutet and Former Chief of Research and Education at Karolinska University Hospital
- 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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