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**2019 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decoration**

1. On 3 November 2019 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2019 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decoration. From Sweden, the following recipient shall be conferred with a decoration.

- NAME (AGE): Björn O. Nilsson (63)
- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon
- SERVICE: Contribution to the promotion of the exchange of industry and academia and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden
- MAJOR TITLES: Former President of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences  
Governor of Norrbotten County
- ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Luleå, Norrbotten (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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