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**2023 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decoration**

1. On 3 November 2023, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2023 Autumn Conferment of Japanese Decoration. From Sweden, the following recipient has been conferred with a decoration.

- NAME: Carl-Henrik Heldin
- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- SERVICE: Contribution to the promotion of academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Sweden.
- MAJOR TITLES: Former Chair of the Boards of the Nobel Foundation and Professor at Department of Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology, Uppsala University
- ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Uppsala (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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