

November 3rd, 2016

2016 Autumn Conferment of Decoration

On November 3rd, 2016, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2016 Autumn Imperial Decorations. In Florida, Mr. Harris Rosen was conferred *The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette*. Mr. Randal Baker was conferred *The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays* respectively.

➤ **Mr. Harris Rosen (77 years old)**

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

Major Titles: Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Orlando

President and Chief Operating Officer, Rosen Hotels & Resorts

Summary of Contributions: Promoting exchange and friendly relations between Japan and the United States

As a hotel owner, Mr. Harris Rosen has established his reputation in the Orlando area. From 2010 until October 2016, he served as the Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Orlando, contributing to the promotion of exchange and friendly relations between Japan and the United States. In this capacity, he has helped countless Japanese visitors to Orlando, and has supported the Japanese society in Orlando. In what is perhaps one of his most gracious acts, he raised \$100,000 which were donated to the relief efforts for victims of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

➤ **Mr. Randal Baker (56 years old)**

Decoraton: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays

Major Titles: Former President and Trustee, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens

Summary of Contributions: Promotion and understanding of Japanese Culture

For over 20 years, Mr. Randal Baker has held important office at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. From 2011 to 2015, while he served as the President of the Board, Mr. Baker led an initiative to expand the gardens, and also worked with the Consulate General of Japan in Miami to hold a major exhibition on “Contemporary Kogei Styles in Japan”. His efforts and support have made a large contribution to the promotion and understanding of Japanese culture.