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MEDIA RELEASE
Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2019

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney is pleased to advise that on 16 July 2019 the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the recipients of the Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2019.

The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas. The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients.

This year, Commendations are being awarded to 206 individuals and 63 groups around the world. Among the recipients are the following residents of New South Wales.

Cr Bill WEST – Mayor of Cowra Shire

Cr West is receiving the award in recognition of his services to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia.

Cr Bruce MILLER – Former Mayor of Cowra Shire

Cr Miller is receiving the award in recognition of his services to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Australia.

Dr Misuzu Hanihara CHOW – Former Academic Director and Head of the Department of Japanese Studies, Macquarie University

Dr Chow is receiving the award in recognition of her services to the promotion of Japanese language education in Australia.

Dr Sadaharu MURAMATSU – Conductor

Dr Muramatsu is receiving the award in recognition of his services to the promotion of cultural exchange through music between Japan and Australia.