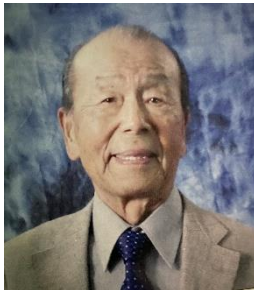


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MEDIA RELEASE

2021 Autumn Conferment of Imperial Decorations Mr FUNAYAMA Seijiro

Today, on 3 November 2021, the Government of Japan announced the recipients of the 2021 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Among the recipients is **FUNAYAMA Seijiro, Proprietor, Jun Pacific Corporation Pty Ltd.**



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

Service: Contributed to the promotion of Japanese food culture in Australia

Major Titles: Proprietor, Jun Pacific Corporation Pty Ltd

Location: New South Wales, Australia

Summary of Contributions:

As a Japanese wholesaler, Mr Funayama has contributed to the distribution of Japanese food products for more than 40 years, through the management of Jun Pacific Corporation and the Japanese food store "Tokyo Mart". He laid the foundations of the Japanese food market and promoted the development of Japanese cuisine throughout Australia.

After the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and the 2018 heavy rain disaster in western Japan, Mr Funayama contributed to society through his management decisions, for example, by choosing to handle 'reconstruction support products' from each of the affected regions. In 2013, he was a finalist in the "Ethnic Business Awards", which acknowledge the contribution to Australia of migrant businesspeople. Through these efforts, Mr Funayama has greatly contributed to the friendship between Japan and Australia.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr Funayama on receiving his Decoration and acknowledges his achievements so far.

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MEDIA RELEASE

2021 Autumn Conferment of Imperial Decorations for Foreign Recipients Mr John George Ajaka

Today, on 3 November 2021, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2021 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Among the recipients is **Mr John George Ajaka, previous President of the Legislative Council of NSW.**



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

Service: Contributed to the promotion of bilateral ties and friendship between Japan and Australia

Major Titles: previous President of the Legislative Council of NSW/former NSW Minister for Multiculturalism

Summary of Contributions:

Mr Ajaka worked as a member of the NSW Legislative Council for 14 years and during that time held multiple ministerial positions. He greatly contributed to the promotion of Japan-Australia relations, recognising the importance of Japan-Australia relations in NSW.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr Ajaka on receiving his Decoration and acknowledges his achievements so far.

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