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MEDIA RELEASE: NSW recipients of 2023 Autumn Imperial Decorations

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On 3 November 2023, the 5th year of Reiwa, the Government of Japan announced the recipients of the 2023 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Among the recipients is **Mr Jonathan O'Dea, former Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly.**

Mr Jonathan O'Dea

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

Service: Contributed to the promotion of regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia

Major Titles: Former Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly

Location: Ku-ring-gai, New South Wales, Australia



Summary of Contributions:

As a Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly since 2007 and as Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly since 2019, Mr O'Dea contributed to the strengthening of friendly ties between Japan and NSW, including by attending many Japan-related events as a representative of the NSW Government. In his capacity as the chair of the NSW Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group, he also committed to furthering harmony within NSW's multicultural society, including the Japanese community, and contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding with Asia-Pacific countries including Japan.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr O'Dea on receiving his awards and expresses its respect for his achievements to date.

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