

Mrs Roslynne Bracher AM receives Imperial Decoration

On 5 December 2019, Consul-General Kiya hosted a dinner at his official residence in honour of Mrs Roslynne Bracher, who was named by the Government of Japan on 21 May 2019 as a recipient of the 2019 Spring Imperial Decorations. Mrs Bracher was presented the award at the dinner.



Mrs Roslynne Bracher AM holding the certificate of conferment with Consul-General Kiya. Also present at the dinner were members of her family and Mrs Kiya.

Mrs Bracher is a former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Darwin and a member of the Darwin-based Paspaley family. She was awarded The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of her contributions to the promotion of Japan-Australia relations and friendship.

Mrs Roslynne Bracher was appointed Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Darwin in April 2002 and held the position for ten years until April 2012.

During the decade she held the position, Mrs Bracher greatly contributed to promoting strong relations between Japan and the Northern Territory, fostering friendship between the people of Japan and Australia. Having worked for a major pearling company which has been closely associated with Japan since the early 1950s, Mrs Bracher drew on her years of experience in business with Japan and knowledge gained from numerous visits to Japan on both business and personal occasions.

In 2008, Mrs Bracher was appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in part for service to the promotion of cultural relations with Japan.

Dr Sadaharu Muramatsu receives Foreign Minister's Commendation

Dr Sadaharu Muramatsu, conductor, received a 2019 Foreign Minister's Commendation in recognition for his services to the promotion of cultural exchange through music between Japan and Australia.

Rather appropriately, the conferral took place on stage.

Consul-General Kiya presented the commendation to Dr Muramatsu on 7 December 2019 on stage at the Matsuri Japan Festival in Sydney.

He was there to do what he does best—conduct.

Dr Muramatsu conducts several orchestras in Sydney including Strathfield Symphony Orchestra as well as Sydney Sakura Choir. He is a talented conductor and contributes to mutual understanding between both countries. On the day of the Matsuri, he was conducting the choir which regularly performs at Japan-related events including the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cowra.



Dr Sadaharu Muramatsu (right) holding the certificate of conferment with Consul-General Kiya. The presentation took place on stage at Matsuri Japan Festival in Sydney.

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.

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