





Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2018



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1. 1. On July 24, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold the awarding ceremony of the Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2018 followed by a reception at Iikura Guesthouse.
2. This year, the Commendations will be awarded to 205 individuals and 49 groups (34 individuals and 6 groups reside in Japan, and 171 individuals and 43 groups reside overseas). Those who attend the ceremony will be presented with an award certificate and a commemorative gift (pure silk furoshiki). For those residing abroad, the certificate and commemorative gift will be awarded through respective Embassy/Consulate - General of Japan at a later date.
3. 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.
4. On this occasion, the Ministry will also award the Foreign Minister's Commendations for excellent Chefs for Ambassadors/Consul-Generals of Japan, as well as confer the long-time service awards (25-year and 35-year careers) for diplomats. A total of 14 chefs who will be awarded the Commendations for their exceptional skills and contributions will receive the title of "Excellent Executive Chef for Ambassador/Consul-General of Japan." The Foreign Minister's Commendations for the chefs and the title are awarded in recognition of the significance of the chefs' contributions to diplomatic activities and also to facilitate the recruitment of highly qualified chefs in the future.
 - [Foreign Minister's Commendations FY2018 \(Individuals\) \(PDF\)](#)  
 - [Foreign Minister's Commendations FY2018 \(Groups\) \(PDF\)](#)  
 - [Excellent Executive Chef for Ambassador / Consul-General of Japan for FY 2018 \(PDF\)](#) 