

Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for 2021

On August 20, 2021, the Government of Japan announced the recipients of its 2021 Foreign Minister's Commendations. AJP "Hikari" Scientific, Educational and Cultural Centre and Armenian-Japanese Centre of Educational and Cultural Exchange "Iroha" were awarded from Armenia, and Ambassador Fukushima presented the certificates of commendation on June 8 and 9, 2022 respectively.

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

The "Hikari" Centre (Representative: Ms. Karine Piliposyan) was established in 2009 with the aim of providing a platform for individuals and groups interested in Japanese culture to interact with each other. The Centre regularly holds origami classes for young people and Japanese cultural events (Hinamatsuri, Tanabata, etc.) that match the four seasons. This time, the Centre has been awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendation for the contribution to promoting mutual understanding between the two countries through the spread of Japanese culture.

The "Iroha" Centre (Representative: Ms. Ruzan Khojikyán) was established in 2014 as a private Japanese language education institution. It is the only institution in Armenia hosting instructors from Japan, and many of the Centre's Japanese language students have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. It plays a major role in popularizing Japanese and improving Japanese proficiency in Armenia. This time, the "Iroha" Centre has been awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendation for the contribution to promoting mutual understanding between the two countries through the promotion of Japanese language education.

"Hikari" Centre



"Iroha" Centre

