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2023 Spring Conferment of Decoration Dr. Nteranya SANGINGA

On April 29, 2023, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2023 Spring Imperial Decorations. Dr. Nteranya Sanginga is among this year's foreign recipients.

He will receive The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, one of the highest order awarded in the name of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and sub-Saharan Africa in the field of agriculture.

- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- SERVICE: Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and sub-Saharan Africa in the field of agriculture
- NAME: Dr. Nteranya SANGINGA
- MAJOR TITLE: Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
- ADDRESS: Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Sanginga, at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) located in Ibadan, Nigeria, has contributed greatly to promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture by encouraging the inauguration of a Japanese researcher as its chairman, and training several Japanese researchers in related areas. Also, based on his research philosophy, IITA co-developed technologies for contributions to Japanese companies expanding their businesses into Africa. IITA provided technical cooperation of tropical agriculture to Sasakawa Africa Association and promoted academic research collaborations with Japanese universities.

In addition, Dr. Sanginga contributed to strengthening of relations between Japan and Africa through presenting the research results related to agriculture and food domain at TICADV and TICAD7. Overall, he left his significant mark on achievements toward Japan in every aspect of industry, government, and academia by making efforts in building good relationships between Japan and Africa.

The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star



The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star is one of the orders under the Order of the Rising Sun, established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji. The Order of the Rising Sun was the first national decoration awarded by the Government of Japan. The badge features rays of sunlight from the rising sun. The order is awarded in the name of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and is awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, advancements in their field, development in welfare or preservation of the environment. The Order of the Rising Sun comprises as follows:

1. Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun
2. The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
3. The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon
4. The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette
5. The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays
6. The Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays