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2023 Autumn Conferment of Decoration Prof. Ibrahim Agboola GAMBARI

On November 3, 2023, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2023 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Prof. Ibrahim Agboola GAMBARI is among this year's foreign recipients.

He will receive The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, one of the highest orders awarded in the name of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Nigeria.

- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- SERVICE: Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Nigeria
- NAME: Prof. Ibrahim Agboola GAMBARI
- MAJOR TITLE: Former Chief of Staff to the President, Former UN Under-Secretary-General
- ADDRESS: Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

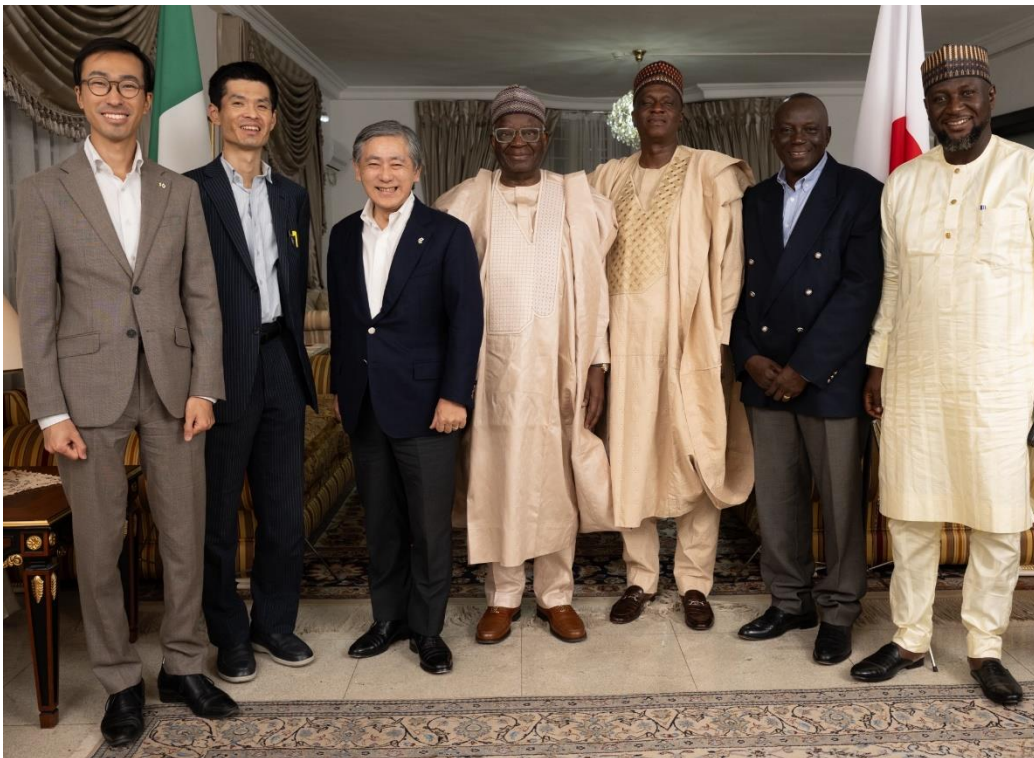
SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

In his role as Chief of Staff to the President of Nigeria, Prof. Gambari attended TICAD8 in Tunisia in 2019, representing Nigeria. By thinking highly of and promoting the TICAD process, he contributed to the improvement of Japan's presence in Africa. He also actively worked with relevant ministers to address the problems faced by Japanese companies stationed in Nigeria and worked hard to resolve them.

As the UN Under-Secretary-General, he attended TICAD3 in 2003 with Ms. OGATA Sadako, the co-chairperson of UN Human Security Commission. He actively participated in and contributed to the TICAD process from the position of a UN official. He also strongly argued that the UN should cooperate with G4 (Japan, Germany, India, and Brazil), which is promoting the UN Security Council reform. He has left a legacy of great contributions to Japan in a wide range of fields, such as working to build a cooperative relationship with G4, including Japan.



Prof. Ibrahim Agboola GAMBARI



At Japanese Ambassador's residence

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