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The 2024 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals Professor Mohammed Dauda

On 3 November, the Government of Japan announced the 2024 Autumn Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals, with Professor Mohammed Dauda, President of the Nigeria-Japan Alumni Association (NAIJAA)/Patron of the Japanese Culture Club (JCC) at University of Abuja, being one of the recipients. In recognition of his contributions to promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Nigeria, the Government of Japan conferred the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays on him.

DECORATION: the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays

SERVICE: Promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Nigeria

NAME and TITLE: Mohammed Dauda

President of the Nigeria-Japan Alumni Association (NAIJAA)

Patron of the Japanese Culture Club (JCC) at the University of Abuja

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Nigeria-Japan Alumni Association (NAIJAA): Recognizing the need for a platform to connect alumni and strengthen ties with Japan, Professor Dauda established NAIJAA in 2008. Under his leadership, NAIJAA organized cultural events such as Japanese movie screenings and orientation programs for students aspiring to study in Japan. Professor Dauda also served as a judge for the annual Japanese speech contest.

Japanese Culture Club (JCC): In 2016, Professor Dauda founded the JCC at University of Abuja, and provided guidance and resources to students passionate about promoting Japanese culture. His dedication played a pivotal role in establishing the Institute of Japanese Culture at the university in 2022.

Japanese Culture Club "NARUTO": Since 2022, Professor Dauda has served as the

Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (CEED) at University of Maiduguri, continuing to champion Japanese cultural exchange. In May 2024, he established the "NARUTO" Japanese Culture Club at the university, and significantly increased access to Japanese culture for Nigerians in northern Nigeria.



Prof. Mohammed Dauda FNSE