

Ceremony Confers the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, to Mr. Ronald Starr

2021/7/27



Consul-General SASAYAMA presented Mr. Starr with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays

On July 27, Mr. Ron Starr, Councillor for the City of Mississauga, was presented with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, at the official residence of the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. SASAYAMA Takuya.

As City Councillor, Mr. Starr worked to formalize Mississauga's friendship with Kariya in Japan's Aichi Prefecture in a sister-city agreement in 1981. He also ensured that this relationship would be nurtured by the City's citizens by establishing the Mississauga Friendship Association in 1993 and served as its Chair from 2009 to 2010. When the sister cities celebrated their 30th and 35 anniversaries, Mr. Starr devoted his efforts to organize

events and to welcome delegations from Kariya, raising Japan's presence in Mississauga and promoting friendly relations.

Within Mississauga City Council, he served as Vice Chair of the Celebration Square Events Committee, and successfully organized the major Japanese culture event, Japan Festival CANADA, which by 2019 had grown into the largest Japan festival in North America, greatly raising awareness and appreciation of Japan in Canada.

In order to ensure the smooth operations of Japanese businesses in Mississauga, Mr. Starr for many years has promoted people-to-people and cultural exchanges between Japan and Canada. He has also raised awareness of the social and economic contributions made by local Japanese businesses.



(from left) Mrs. Sasayama Mariko, Wife of Consul-General Sasayama, Consul-General SASAYAMA, Ms. Hazel McCallion, former Mayor of Mississauga, Mr. Starr, Her Worship Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga