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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has decided to award the Foreign Minister’s Commendation to Mr. Tracy Ken Tsuetaki and Ms. Yoshimi Yamagata Aoyagi.

On Thursday, August 4, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the recipients of the Foreign Minister’s Commendations for 2022. Within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, the following two individuals will receive the Commendations for their contributions to the strengthening of relations between Japan and the United States.

- **Mr. Tracy Ken Tsuetaki**, Prior Chariman of the [Japan-America Society of North Carolina](#)
Recognition as promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.A.
- **Ms. Yoshimi Yamagata Aoyagi**, Executive Director of [Animazement](#). (Japanese teacher at East Chapel Hill High School etc)
Recognition as promotion of Japanese language education in the U.S.A.

The Foreign Minister’s Commendation is awarded to individuals and organizations with outstanding achievements in international fields, to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries. The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public towards the activities of recipients.

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About the Consulate General of Japan:

The Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta is an overseas establishment of the Government of Japan. The main function of our office is to protect Japanese nationals and economic interests, provide consular services and cultural exchange. There are 18 Japanese diplomatic missions in the United States. The jurisdiction of our office is Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

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