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Japan honors John Owen Haley, Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School

On April 29, the Government of Japan officially announced that **Professor John O. Haley** will be honored with a prestigious decoration, **the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon**, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to friendship between Japan and the United States. The decoration will be conferred by **His Majesty the Emperor of Japan**.

The Order of the Rising Sun was established in 1875 as the first national decoration awarded by the Japanese Government. The decoration is bestowed upon individuals who have made significant contributions to positive relations between Japan and her friends and allied nations. Professor Haley is recognized primarily for his abiding dedication to the enhancement of Japanese legal studies in the United States and to the promotion of mutual understanding between the citizens of the two countries.

Professor Haley is widely regarded as a pioneering scholar in the comparative study of Japanese law. His numerous scholarly works span a range of issues, including international trade policy, comparative law, Japanese land-use law, Japanese and East Asian business transactions, and Japanese contemporary society.

Professor Haley joined the law faculty at the University of Washington in 1974, where he later served as Chair of the Japanese Studies Program and Director of the Asian Law Program. He continued teaching and researching Japanese law at the University of Washington in St. Louis, from which he retired as the William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus before joining Vanderbilt University Law School's faculty in 2010. Professor Haley has also taught and lectured at leading universities in Japan, including Aoyama Gakuin University, Kobe University, and Tohoku University. He served as the American Branch Executive Secretary of the Japanese American Society for Legal Studies from 1976 to 1989.

Professor Haley earned his A.B. at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, his LL.B. at Yale Law School, and his LL.M. in Asian Law at the University of Washington.

The Consulate-General of Japan plans to host a formal conferment ceremony and a reception in honor of Professor Haley at Consul General Sato's official residence in June.

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