

Embassy of Japan



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**The Investiture Ceremony for Sir Graeme Thomas Harrison  
In the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon  
23 July 2015  
Ambassador's Residence**

His Excellency Mr Toshihisa Takata, Ambassador of Japan presided over the investiture ceremony for Sir Graeme Thomas Harrison, who has been awarded by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.

This award recognises Sir Graeme's contribution, over many years, toward strengthening economic relations between Japan and New Zealand.

Sir Graeme's dedication is highly regarded, particularly for three major achievements:

- Founder and inaugural Chair of the New Zealand International Business Forum (NZIBF)
- Founder of ANZCO Food Ltd and Director of Sealord, and
- Community benefactor through his enthusiasm for rugby

In congratulatory remarks, Ambassador Takata extended his gratitude for Sir Graeme's long dedication to enhancing both countries' economies and mentioned Sir Graeme's accomplishment "not only recognises your business success but also recognises the people-to-people relationships you have fostered and inspired."

In reply, Sir Graeme responded by expressing that he felt honoured to be bestowed this honour by Japan and he would further endeavor to enhance Japan and New Zealand business and human- to-human ties.

In conclusion, Ambassador expressed once again his heartfelt congratulations to Sir Graeme for being awarded this prestigious decoration and wished him all the best with continued good health and happiness.



