

COLLARS OF THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Instituted in the year 1888. This is the most supreme decoration, which will be conferred concurrently with or on those who are already in possession of, the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum.

GRAND CORDON OF THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Instituted in the year 1877. This is the decoration next subordinate to the above-mentioned Collar. There is a substitute decoration attached to this decoration.

FIRST CLASS OF THE GRAND CORDON OF THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN WITH PAULOWINA FLOWERS.

Instituted in 1888. This decoration ranks next to the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum. There is a substitute decoration attached to this decoration.

ORDER OF THE RISING SUN.

Instituted in 1875. This decoration is of eight classes. For the first and second classes are given substitute decorations. From the first class downwards, their respective designations are as follows:

1. Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.
2. Order of the Compound Light Rising Sun.
3. Intermediate Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.
4. Minor Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.
5. Order of the Dichromatic Light Rising Sun.
6. Order of the Monochromatic Light Rising Sun.
7. Order of the Green Paulownia Leaves.
8. Order of the White Paulownia Leaves.

The above decorations will be granted to both government servants and ordinary citizens whether for civilian or military meritorious services. The decorations of the Grand Collars down to those mentioned in this section will be granted only to male sex.

ORDER OF THE PRECIOUS CROWN.

Instituted in 1888, this decoration is of eight classes. For the first class only is given a substitute decoration. This decoration is granted to women only.

ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE.

Instituted in the year 1888. This order is of eight classes, from the first to the eighth class. For the first class only is given a substitute decoration. This order will be granted to both men and women whether state officials or ordinary citizens. As between the Order of the Rising Sun, the Order of the Precious Crown, and the Order of the Sacred Treasure, there is no distinction of rank, save their classes, but where their classes are of the same rank. The Order of the Rising Sun and the Order of the Precious Crown take precedence to the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE GOLDEN KITE.

Instituted in 1890. This decoration is of seven classes. For the first class only is given a substitute decoration. This order will be conferred on those soldiers who have rendered distinguished military services.

ORDER OF THE CULTURAL MERIT.

Instituted in 1937. This decoration is of only one class, and will be granted to those who have done meritorious services contributing to the advancement of culture. This decoration will be granted to both men and women, but so far there has been no woman who has received it.

MEDALS OF HONOUR.

Instituted in 1881. These medals are of four kinds, distinguished from each other by the different colour of the ribbon. A medal with a red ribbon will be granted to those who have rescued the life of man; a medal with a green ribbon to those who have been notable for fidelity to their parents and husbands; or who have distinguished themselves in the career of trade; a medal with a blue ribbon to those who have rendered meritorious services to public affairs; a medal with a dark blue ribbon to those who have contributed their private money toward public undertakings. Those who have rendered illustrious public services more than once will be granted a bar.

MEDAL FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE 2600TH YEAR OF KIGEN.

Instituted in 1940. This medal is given to those who have concerned themselves in the ceremony of the 2600th year of the foundation of Japan.

WAR MEDAL OF 1931/1934 INCIDENT.

Instituted in 1934. This medal is given to those who have been in military service in Manchuria in and after 1931.

CHINA INCIDENT WAR MEDAL.

Instituted in 1939. This medal is granted to those who have been in military services in and after 1937.

GREATER FAR EAST WAR MEDAL.

Instituted in 1944. This medal will probably be given to those who have been in military service in the Great War after 1941.