

Conferment Ceremony of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star for  
H.E. Ahmad Ali Al Mualla, Former Ambassador of the UAE to Japan  
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On 28<sup>th</sup> February, Mr. SEKIGUCHI Noboru, Consul-General of Japan in Dubai and the Northern Emirates hosted the conferment ceremony of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star to H.E. Ahmad Ali Al Mualla, the former Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Japan at the Consulate-General of Japan in Dubai.

This decoration was announced by the Government of Japan in November 2020, in recognition of His Excellency's contributions to strengthening friendly bilateral relationship between Japan and the UAE.

In the ceremony, the Consul-General Mr. SEKIGUCHI awarded the decoration and the diploma to H.E. Al Mualla and expressed his gratitude for His Excellency's countless contributions to enhancing the interaction of people and deepening mutual understanding between Japan and the UAE.

H.E. Ahmad Ali Al Mualla has devoted himself to enhancing the bilateral cooperation in the various fields since he had assumed the position of the Ambassador of the UAE to Japan in 2000 and even after the completion of the duty in Japan. The realization of a direct flight by the Emirates Airline between the two countries in 2002 and also of the ease of the visa procedures in 2004 by the Government of Japan for the UAE citizens to enter Japan were the key achievements. In addition to this, he has contributed to expansion of Japanese enterprises' investments in the UAE, not only through giving advice to Japanese companies, but also through introducing high quality Japanese products to the people in the UAE.



