



Sun & Star Legacy Award Recipients

The Sun & Star Legacy Award, established in 1998, is given annually to a distinguished leader who has enhanced the relationship between the peoples of Japan and the United States. The name refers to Japan's Rising Sun and the Texas Lone Star, symbolizing friendship between Japan and Texas.

2016	The Honorable Ichiro Fujisaki Ambassador of Japan to the United States, 2008-2012
2015	Yoshiyuki Kasai Chairman Emeritus of Central Japan Railway
2014	The Honorable John V. Roos United States Ambassador to Japan, 2009-2013
2013	Minoru Makihara Senior Corporate Advisor, Mitsubishi Corporation
2012	Admiral Patrick M. Walsh Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
2011	American Airlines
2010	The Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer United States Ambassador to Japan, 2005-2009
2009	The Honorable Ryoza Kato Japanese Ambassador to the United States, 2001-2008
2008	Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda Honorary Chairman of Toyota Motor Corporation
2007	Richard W. Fisher President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
2006	George Takei Actor
2005	Masatoshi Ito Founder & Honorary Chairman, Ito-Yokado Group

2004 **The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta**
United States Secretary of Transportation

2003 **The Honorable Yasuhiro Nakasone**
Prime Minister of Japan, 1982-1987

2002 **The Honorable Michael H. Armacost**
United States Ambassador to Japan, 1989-1993

2001 **The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye**
United States Senator from the State of Hawaii, 1962-2012

2000 **The Honorable Thomas S. Foley**
United States Ambassador to Japan, 1997-2001

1999 **The Honorable Hisashi Owada**
Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, 1994-1998

1998 **The Honorable Walter F. Mondale**
United States Ambassador to Japan, 1993-1996