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Portlander, Mr. Sho Dozono to Receive Japanese Foreign Minister's Award

On July 9, 2007 Mr. Sho Dozono was recognized by Mr. Taro Aso, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, for his long years endeavoring to promote friendship between Japan and the United States. The Award ceremony will be held on Friday, September 14, 2007 at the residence of the Consul General of Japan, Mr. Akio Egawa.

Mr. Dozono's many achievements include long service as a board member and chairman of the Japan-America Society of Oregon, chairmanship of the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and a period as commissioner of the Port of Portland. His devoted commitment to promoting good relations with Japan has covered not only the field of business but also cultural and personal exchanges, and has greatly benefited our mutual understanding.

Among his various activities, the Japanese TV series titled "From Oregon with Love", which he jointly produced with Japanese Fuji TV, has shaped a beautiful image of Oregon for many Japanese. As commissioner of the Port of Portland, he also made great efforts to reestablish a direct flight between Portland and Tokyo, significantly facilitating business between Japan and Oregon.

Mr. Dozono's excellence in professional and civic leadership, as well as his personal example all highlight the contributions of the Japanese-American community in Oregon. He has also helped to forge close ties between the Japanese-American and Japanese communities, sharing common objectives that further strengthen Japan-US relations.

At present, as chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee of the Japan-America Society of Oregon, he has organized substantial events to commemorate this event and bolster friendship between Japan and the United States, focusing on Oregon.

For his countless contributions to friendly and harmonious relations between Japan and the United States, Mr. Sho Dozono has received the Foreign Minister's Award for 2007.

The award will be presented to Mr. Dozono by the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. Akio Egawa, in a ceremony to be held on September 14, 2007.

For information on press-coverage for this ceremony please contact the Consulate at: 503-221-1811, ext. 14 or email to: culture@cgjpdx.org.