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Governor Don Sundquist Receives Prestigious Order from Emperor of Japan

Nashville, Tennessee - On April 29th, former **Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist** received an **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star**, for his outstanding contributions to Japan-US friendship. In particular, he is recognized for his efforts to enhance economic ties and promote mutual understanding between Tennessee and Japan.

Governor Sundquist served as Chairman of the **Southeast US/Japan Association** in 1996 and led annual business missions to Japan throughout his tenure as Governor. His efforts resulted in the creation or expansion of 318 Japan-connected projects in the state and the influx of over **\$4 billion in foreign direct investment** from Japan.

Don Sundquist also supported the creation of the **Japan-America Society of Tennessee** and served as Honorary Co-Chair with Ambassador Howard H. Baker, Jr. from 2000-2003. He remains active in the organization and received their Iris Award in 2014.

The Order of the Rising Sun was established in 1875. This decoration is given by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

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