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Foreign Minister's Commendation Award Ceremony for Ms. Alice Sumida

Award Ceremony of the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for Ms. Alice Sumida, 97, of Portland, and former President of Nikkei Fujin kai (organization of Japanese American ladies), was held on September 30 at the official residence of Consul General Takamichi Okabe.

Over 70 people attended the ceremony and celebrated the honor Ms. Sumida was accorded with. Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and Portland Mayor Sam Adams sent congratulatory messages for Ms. Sumida.

Foreign Minister's Commendation is an honor awarded once a year to individuals and groups worldwide with outstanding contribution to the friendly relationship and mutual understanding between Japan and their countries. This year it was awarded to 68 individuals and 30 groups all over the world.

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