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**Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star,
upon Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh,
Chairman of Cultural and Social Committee of National Assembly**

On 29 April, 2018, the Government of Japan announced within the 2018 Spring Imperial Decorations, that

Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh, Chairman of Cultural and Social Committee of National Assembly, will be awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, in recognition of his significant contribution to strengthening legislative exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Lao PDR. The awarding ceremony will be held at the Residence of the Ambassador of Japan in Vientiane within this year.

- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.
- SERVICE: Contributed to strengthening legislative exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Lao PDR.
- NATIONALITY: Lao.

Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh, Chairman of Cultural and Social Committee of National Assembly, was born in Xiengkhuang Province in 1954. After obtaining a Doctoral Degree from Moscow Lenin Youth Institute, he joined National Assembly and has served in various important positions, especially President of Lao-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association from 2011 to 2016. In 2016, he was appointed as the Chairman of Cultural and Social Committee of National Assembly and has served in the position since then.

During his tenure as President of Lao-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association, Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh made invaluable contribution to fruitful cooperation between the two countries through, among others, active exchange with numerous members of Japanese parliament. He also enthusiastically supported numerous cultural activities and Japanese government scholarship receptions organized by the Embassy of Japan and relevant Japanese organizations.

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