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Yazaki Kizuna Foundation

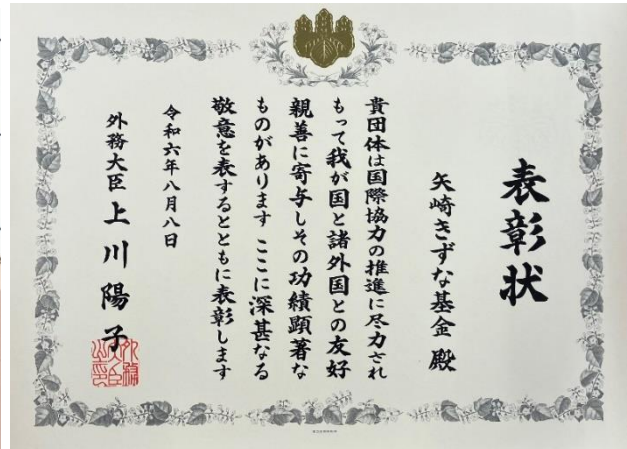
Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY 2024

Yazaki Kizuna Foundation (YKF) received Foreign Minister's Commendation FY 2024 in recognition of contributions to the promotion of international cooperation in Samoa. This award was recommended by the Ambassador Keisuke Senta of the Embassy of Japan in the Independent State of Samoa.

Dr. Junichi Kitami Managing director of YKF was presented with the award certificate by Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan on August 8th, 2024, at The Iikura Guesthouse of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan).



The ceremony



Award certificate

(Photo provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

1. What is Foreign Minister's Commendation

Every year, the Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas.

The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients.

The Commendations in 2024 was awarded to 186 individuals and 59 groups (38 individuals and 6 groups reside in Japan, and 148 individuals and 53 groups reside overseas).

2. Achievement

YKF was established in January 2018 with the donation from Yazaki Corporation (YC) to promote international mutual understanding and economic cooperation in developing regions.

YKF has been carrying out its activities in Samoa to give back to the people of Samoa for their support to Yazaki EDS Samoa Ltd (YES) over the past 26 years. YES had been

manufacturing automobile parts, mainly wire harnesses which are the leading business of YC.

YKF has been providing scholarships to university students to support the development of human resources and providing grants for small-businesses to support job creation in Samoa since 2018.

YKF has been contributing to the promotion of private exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Samoa.

3. Press Release

Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY 2024 (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan August 1, 2024)

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00466.html