

2019 Autumn Conferment of Decorations
Professor Mark Mullins

Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland
November 6, 2019

On November 3, 2019 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2019 Autumn Conferment of Decorations. Professor Mark Mullins is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand, he will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.

- DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon
- SERVICE: Contributed to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and New Zealand
- NAME: Mark Mullins
- MAJOR TITLE: Professor of Japanese Studies & Religious Studies, School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics & School of Humanities, Director, Japan Studies Centre, New Zealand Asia Institute, University of Auckland
Former Professor, Faculty of Sociology & Social Work, Meiji Gakuin University
Former Professor, Faculty of Comparative Culture, Sophia University
- ADDRESS (NATIONALITY): Cambridge, New Zealand (U.S.A.)

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Professor Mark Mullins has, for almost thirty five years, dedicated himself to the development of the sociology of religion in Japan, carrying out intensive analysis and research, and publishing a large number of papers on the subject.

Professor Mark Mullins has also contributed to the presentation overseas of achievements of research on Japan in a wide range of fields through his tireless activities in publishing and translating papers of Japanese scholars.

Furthermore, Professor Mark Mullins has served as the director of the Japan Studies Centre of New Zealand Asia Institute since 2013, and has contributed to the development of research on Japan in New Zealand, nurturing the next generation of research on Japan and building a network with Japanese researchers through frequently holding international conferences and presenting achievements of research on Japan among other efforts.