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Remarks by H.E. Mr Hiroshi Suzuki,
Ambassador of Japan to the UK,
at the awarding of the Foreign Minister's Commendation to Professor Barry Rider
on 31st March 2025

Professor Barry Rider and members of the Rider Family,

It is my great privilege as Ambassador of Japan to the UK to present the Foreign Minister's Commendation to Professor Barry Rider.

Your outstanding contributions to the fields of criminal law need no explanation.

As a professor at the University of Cambridge, you have dedicated your career to advancing the study of criminal law.

Through your tireless efforts, you have supported and mentored numerous Japanese students, including judges and prosecutors, offering them guidance in their research and academic endeavors.

Earlier this month, Mr Seiji Kihara visited the UK as Co-Chair of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group. On that occasion, he fondly mentioned that you were his supervisor when he was a student at the LSE and that he was very grateful to you for your support.

Professor Rider. The students you have fostered are now the cornerstone of the Anglo-Japanese relationship.

Allow me to refer to another of your achievements. Your commitment to the Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime is truly significant.

For over four decades, you have led the symposium with high-level participation from all over the world and thus, has contributed to promoting academic exchanges and enhancing the friendship and mutual understanding between our two countries.

In closing, on behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to thank you, Professor Rider, for your invaluable contributions to strengthening Japan-UK relations.

Thank you.