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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the General Division of the Order of Australia:

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

HONORARY MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Tetsuo UEHARA

Australian Embassy, 2-1-14 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-83661
For service to Australia-Japan relations, particularly as Residence Manager at the Australian Embassy in Japan.

By Her Excellency's Command

Stephen Brady
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Mr Tetsuo Uehara is the Residence Manager at the Australian Ambassador's official residence in Tokyo. His tenure commenced in 1968 and he continues to make a unique personal contribution to Australia's relations with Japan. Mr Uehara has demonstrated that he is a true friend of Australia and an unassuming - but significant - player in the Embassy's central role in representing the totality of Australia's manifold interests in Japan.

Over the past 40 years, Mr Uehara has provided loyal and dedicated advice and service to twelve Ambassadors as well as to the very many high-level visitors and guests at the residence. His service to Australia in Japan has embraced the period when very many of the most important milestones in the development of diplomatic relations between the two countries have taken place. Mr Uehara's role has been of enormous benefit to Australian interests in Japan, ensuring that the countless high-level events and meetings attended by Japanese and Australian VIPs at the official residence have been successful. The residence is one of the most heavily utilised to advance Australia's interests in the global network – averaging over 250 official functions and meetings each year.

Mr Uehara's attention to the smooth running of events has directly assisted in laying the foundation for what has become one of Australia's most important relationships in Asia.

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