



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
9 April 2015

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

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

HONORARY COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Yorihiko KOJIMA

3-1, Marunouchi 2-Chome
Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8086, Japan
For eminent service to advancing Australia-Japan bilateral trade and economic relations.

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Dr Patrick SIMON

42 Route de Corbie, 80800 Villers-Bretonneux,
France
For distinguished service to Australian-French relations, particularly his contribution to preserving the memory of Australian World War I veterans.

HONORARY MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Chitaru ASAHINA

18-18-415 Nangu-cho, Ashiya 659-0024, Japan
For significant service to the promotion of musical and other cultural exchanges between Queensland and Japan.

HONORARY MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Professor Haluk ORAL

Koc University, Mathematics Department,
Rumelifeneri Yolu 34450, Sariyer, Istanbul, Turkey
For service the development of a greater understanding of the shared history of Australia and Turkey and to the commemoration in 2015 of the Centenary of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Mrs Yvonne SHAPIRO

PO Box 96, Rose Bay NSW 2029
For service to the community of Rose Bay, particularly the aged as a Volunteer Administrator at the Princess Gardens Retirement Village.

Please note: A copy of the media notes can be found at www.gg.gov.au.

By His Excellency's Command

Mark Fraser LVO OAM
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Appointed an honorary Companion (AC) in the General Division

NAME : Mr Yorihiro Kojima

POSITION : Chairman of the Board, Mitsubishi Corporation
Vice-Chairman, Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee

ADDRESS : 3-1, Marunouchi 2-Chome
Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8086
JAPAN

CITATION : *For eminent service to advancing Australia-Japan bilateral trade and economic relations.*

Mr Yorihiro Kojima has been the Chief Executive Officer and President since 2004, and Chairman since 2010, of the Mitsubishi Corporation. Since 2008, he has held the position of Vice-Chairman of the Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee.

Mr Kojima has been influential in the Japanese business community as head of Japan's largest trading company to encourage a wide range of economic activity and investment in Australia and to foster people-to-people ties between businesses in Japan and Australia. Mitsubishi Corporation has a strong presence in the Australian resources sector, both as an investor and customer. As President and now Chairman of Mitsubishi Corporation, Mr Kojima has personally taken strong leadership in numerous and large investments by the company from coal, iron ore, LNG and uranium to the water treatment and dairy industries. Mitsubishi Corporation has grown to be a major contributor to the Australian economy.

He has also been a very strong contributor to the bilateral relationship and in particular a tireless proponent of the Japan-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Appointed an honorary Officer (AO) in the General Division

NAME : Dr Patrick Simon

POSITION : Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux

ADDRESS : 42 Route de Corbie
80800 Villers-Bretonneux
FRANCE

CITATION : *For distinguished service to Australian-French relations, particularly his contribution to preserving the memory of Australian World War I veterans.*

Dr Patrick Simon has been the Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux since 2008 and previously Deputy Mayor from 2001. He has continued the longstanding tradition of an Anzac Day service in the town and has also been a strong supporter of the Australian Government led Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian National Memorial since its inception in 2008. Most significantly though, Dr Simon has made an immense personal contribution to the finalisation of plans for the redevelopment of the Franco-Australian Museum in Villers-Bretonneux as part of the Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front. He played a vital and successful leadership role in marshalling French local and regional stakeholders and financial support to complement the efforts of the Australian Government. Additionally, Dr Simon has been very generous in making himself available to host numerous Australian Federal and State Ministers, other dignitaries and representatives to his town.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Appointed an honorary Member (AM) in the General Division

NAME : Mr Chitaru Asahina

POSITION : Director, Kobe Philharmonic

ADDRESS : 18-18-415 Nangu-cho
Ashiya 659-0024
JAPAN

CITATION : *For significant service to the promotion of musical and other cultural exchanges between Queensland and Japan.*

Mr Chitaru Asahina is the Music Director of the Kobe Philharmonic. Over the past 23 years, he has promoted cultural exchanges between the Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra and the Kobe Philharmonic particularly coordinating concerts, lessons and master classes. He has also arranged for visiting musical ensembles from both Queensland and Japan to participate and perform with the Kobe Philharmonic and the Queensland Conservatorium respectively.

In 1992, Mr Asahina was instrumental in obtaining approval for the accreditation of the Queensland Conservatorium as one of the first foreign universities to conduct entrance exams in Japan. He has also contributed to general community activities, including raising funds in support of charities in Australia and in Japan.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Awarded an honorary Medal (OAM) in the General Division

NAME : Professor Haluk Oral

POSITION : Mathematics Professor

ADDRESS : Koç University
Mathematics Department
Rumelifeneri Yolu 34450
Sariyer - Istanbul
TURKEY

CITATION : *For service to the development of a greater understanding of the shared history of Australia and Turkey and to the commemoration in 2015 of the Centenary of the Gallipoli Campaign.*

Professor Oral is an enthusiast for the history of the Gallipoli Campaign. For the past 25 years he has collected relevant signed books, hand-written accounts and historical objects, and conducted thorough research into the background of each collected artefact. In 2007 he published the definitive *Gallipoli 1915: Through Turkish Eyes* which has inspired a generation of Gallipoli historians to approach the subject through tangible objects as well as archival records.

professor Oral was the founding Director of the Gallipoli Centenary Research Centre, established at the Bahçeşehir University in 2011.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Awarded an honorary Medal (OAM) in the General Division

NAME : Mrs Yvonne Shapiro

POSITION : Volunteer Administrator, Princess Gardens Retirement Village

ADDRESS : PO Box 96
ROSE BAY NSW 2029

CITATION : *For service to the community of Rose Bay, particularly the aged as a Volunteer Administrator at the Princess Gardens Retirement Village.*

Mrs Shapiro has been a Volunteer Administrator at the B'nai B'rith Retirement Village's Princess Gardens facility in Rose Bay since 2004. The village is a not-for-profit provider of self-care retirement accommodation, currently providing for 65 residents, within the NSW Jewish community. Mrs Shapiro represents the village in all facets of operation, particularly ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and also managing the resident caretaker. She also assists village residents with any welfare issues and organises regular functions and activities.