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**FIU professor receives award from the Emperor of Japan**

In April, the government of Japan awarded Steven Heine, director of the Institute for Asian Studies and professor of religion and history, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the study of Japanese culture and the promotion of understanding of Japan.

"It's very exciting to be in the company of the people who have been recognized before," Heine said. "People like Douglas MacArthur, who oversaw the occupation of Japan from 1945-1951, and Mike Mansfield, a former ambassador to Japan for many years, not to mention eminent scholars from Columbia and Stanford. It's an honor."

Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs Taro Aso expressed his congratulations on the conferment.

Consul General Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Consulate General of Japan in Miami, will present Heine the award on behalf of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in an upcoming ceremony. Along with the Medal of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, the award consists of a certificate bearing the stamp of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.