

**AMBASSADOR YOSHIKAWA PRESENTS
THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, GOLD AND SILVER RAYS
TO FATHER STAN BRENNAN**



On 19 June, Mr Yutaka Yoshizawa, the Ambassador of Japan, presented the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays to the founder of the St. Francis Care Centre Father Stan Brennan for his outstanding contribution to promoting cooperation with Japan in the activities to help those affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

Father Brennan received the late Father Akio Nemoto, a Japanese national, as a member of the Centre in 1999. Father Brennan and Father Nemoto worked tirelessly to give much needed care to the HIV/AIDS patients. Father Brennan played an important role in supporting Father Nemoto's efforts. To remember the achievement of the late Father Nemoto, the Centre's hall has been named after him.



As a result of such a special link with Japan, the St. Francis Care Centre has received much attention and continuous assistance from Japan both at government and grass roots level. Through such cooperation, Father Brennan and the St. Francis Care Centre have contributed not only to the efforts to deal with HIV/AIDS in South Africa but also to promoting good relations between the two countries.

Unfortunately, Father Brennan was unable to attend the ceremony due to his ill health. His brother represented Father Stan Brennan and Embassy of Japan delivered the Order to Father Stan Brennan after the ceremony.

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