

**Ambassador Maruyama Presented Mr. Ian Michael Scher with the Decoration
Conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan**



On 22 March 2022, H.E. Ambassador MARUYAMA Norio presented Mr. Ian Michael Scher from Rescue South Africa with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, the decoration conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in Spring 2021.

Ambassador Maruyama expressed his appreciation for Mr. Scher's contribution to mutual understanding between Japan and South Africa, and his significant role in leading the South African rescue team at the time of the Great East Japan Earthquake on 11 March 2011, as well as his valuable work in the fields of disaster management and search and rescue. Mr. Scher expressed his gratitude for the Conferment, and described his experiences when he was leading the rescue team.

Embassy of Japan in South Africa looks forward to working further with Mr. Scher.

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