

Award of the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” to  
Mr. Edward DE BEUKELAER

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Government of Japan has decided to award the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” to Mr. Edward DE BEUKELAER for his great contribution to the promotion of friendly relations and to the enhancement of economic relations between Japan and Belgium.

Mr. DE BEUKELAER is a member of Board of Directors and a member of Executive Committee of Belgium-Japan Association & Chamber of Commerce (BJA). He has devoted himself to promoting Japan-Belgium economic and cultural relations as Chairman of the Editorial Committee of BJA.

Mr. DE BEUKELAER has been fascinated with the rich culture of Japan and its humble and skilled people through his business contacts with Japanese companies. In 1987, together with other members, he founded the Belgian-Japanese Trade Federation (BEJAT) which became the Belgium-Japan Association & Chamber of Commerce with the merger of the “Association Belgo-Japonaise” in 1991. As Chairman of the Editorial Committee of BJA, he has made a very important contribution to the expansion of BJA through the editing of BJA’s Newsletter, “Trade Flows & Cultural News” and by providing BJA with the necessary materials.

Mr. DE BEUKELAER is President and CEO of H. DE BEUKELAER & CO..