

## Media Release

Consulate-General of Japan

### **PROFESSOR J. V. NEUSTUPNY DECORATED BY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN**

On Friday 29th November 2013, Consul-General Hidenobu Sobashima presented Professor Jiri Vaclav Neustupny with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon conferred by the Emperor of Japan on the 3rd of November. The conferment of the Order from the Emperor was made in recognition of Prof. Neustupny's outstanding contribution to strengthening relations and mutual understanding between Australia and Japan through the promotion of Japanese language education and Japanese studies in Australia.

Prof. Neustupny has played a leading role in Japanese language education and Japanese studies worldwide for 38 years. Professor Neustupny was co-founder of the Japanese Studies Centre at Monash University and he was the first foreigner full Professor at a national university in Japan at Osaka University and held positions at Chiba University and J. F. Oberlin University in Japan.

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