

PRESS RELEASE

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“Radboud Molijn has been presented with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette by the Japanese Government”



Mr. Radboud Molijn

Radboud Molijn, member of the Supervisory Board of Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift Europe B.V. (MCFE), has been bestowed the honour of the ‘Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette’ by the Japanese Government in recognition to his “significant contributions to strengthening the economic relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands”.

The ‘Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette’ is awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in the following fields: promotion of Japanese culture, advancements in their field, international relations, preservation of the environment or development in welfare.



“This distinction, explains Mr. Molijn, is not for me, but for all of my partners, friends and business relations in both Japan and the Netherlands, who deserve the recognition for the roles they played and continue to play to strengthen the ties between our two countries. I am committed to support this important relationship that already exists for over 400 years.”

Radboud Molijn, considers Japan his second home. He lived in Japan a couple of years and keeps visiting the country at least 3 times every year. This frequent acquaintance with the developments in Japan, allows him to experience many aspects of the country.

Claartje van Fulpen, Vice-President Administration at MCFE, explains: “It is a great honour that a member of our Supervisory Board has been presented with such high distinction by the Government of Japan. Radboud Molijn – continues- has shown a strong commitment and engagement with our company and employees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work and dedication towards our company in the last 4 years”.

Background

Radboud Molijn has an extensive career. In 1991, established a company that informed Dutch companies about opportunities there and has helped numerous Dutch companies in their advancement into Japan. Nowadays, he is Managing Partner of Global Bridges BV and Managing Director of DUJAT / Dutch & Japanese Trade Federation. Mr. Molijn and his team provide strategic counsel to major clients in various sectors. He is frequently commenting on the radio and in newspapers on ‘Things Japanese’ and has written columns for Het Financieele Dagblad, the main Dutch financial daily for 8 years. He is also the author of four books with columns about Japan. In 2007 Radboud became the Chair for the Tomoko Mukaiyama Foundation, an organization that supports Japanese pianist and performer Mukaiyama in Europe, Japan and other countries.

Reference: http://www.nl.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/20160429_molijn.html