

TABLE FOR TWO Receives Two Prestigious Awards from the Japanese Government

“Deputy-Chief's Award (by Foreign Minister)” at the Third Japan SDGs Awards
and

“71st Health and Culture Award” from the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare

New York, NY – Jan 28, 2020 – TABLE FOR TWO (TFT)’s annual ONIGIRI ACTION campaign to combat world hunger received the Deputy-Chief’s Award (by the Minister for Foreign Affairs) at the third Japan SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) awards ceremony held at the Prime Minister’s Office. Concurrently, TFT received the 71st "Health and Culture Award" from the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare. Honoring the award, TFT was invited to an audience with their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, who kindly expressed familiarity with the ongoing achievements of TFT.

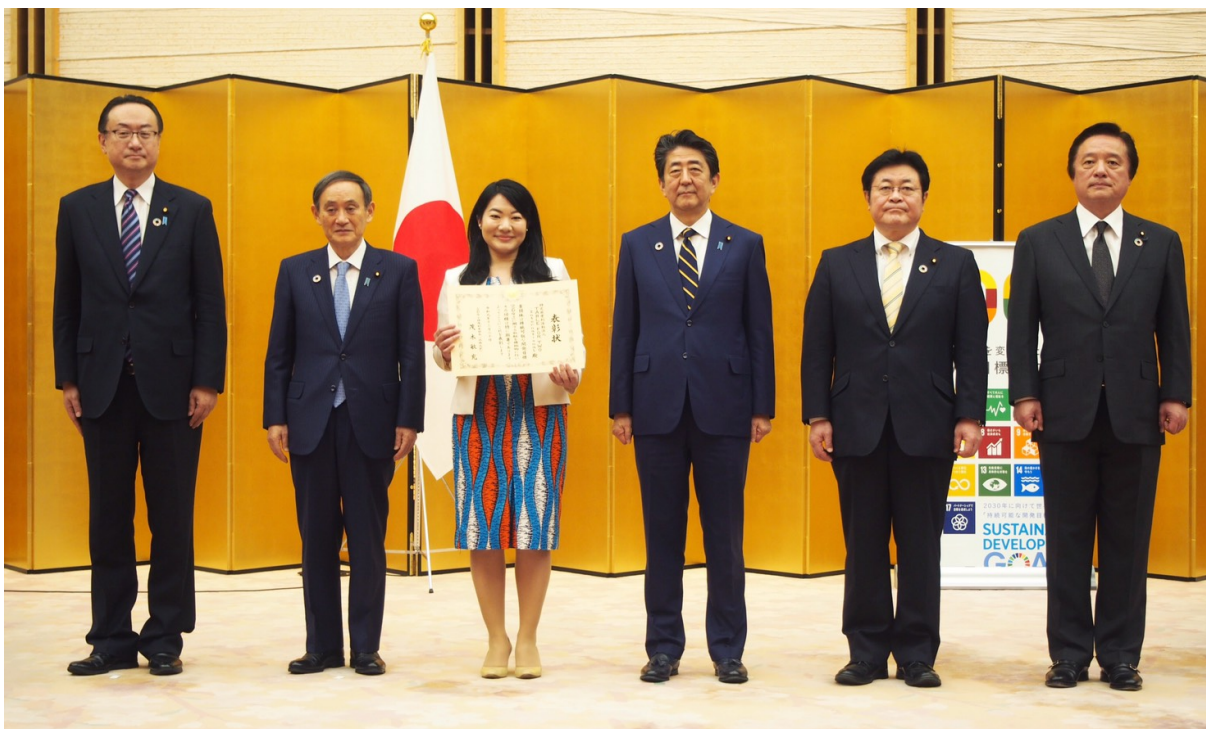


Photo: Japan SDGs Award ceremony held at the Prime Minister's Official Residence

Prime Minister: Shinzo Abe (fourth from left), TFT's representative director: Michiko Ando (third from left),
Chief Cabinet Secretary: Yoshihide Suga (second from left)

The Japan SDGs Award

The Japan SDGs Award was established by “SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Promotion Headquarters,” which is headed by the Prime Minister and comprises all cabinet ministers. The awards recognize outstanding efforts by companies and other organizations toward achieving one or more of 17 areas of the SDGs established by the United Nations in 2015. TFT’s ONIGIRI ACTION campaign has delivered 4.5 million school meals to children in need since its launch five years ago. The “Deputy-chiefs’ Award (by Foreign Minister)” recognizes ONIGIRI ACTION as one of the most outstanding initiatives that anyone can casually join, thus making a global impact involving numerous partners and supporters.

Award Ceremony website (Japanese with photos)

https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/98_abe/actions/201912/20sdgs_award.html?fbclid=IwAR3TbafyQwkC2sSCX6VjS-MetiRNUAssxtUM8xVWrB4tH9zU4qNDqAdmW0o

The Health and Culture Award

The Health and Culture Award was established in 1950 in Japan to recognize organizations and individuals who have been continuously working to improve health conditions. Recently more award recipients who focus on issues such as lifestyle-related disease control, overseas medical care, and the welfare of the elderly and disabled have been selected. TFT's activities are highly valued as we have contributed to increasing nutritional and educational opportunities, which promote healthy diets and obesity prevention.

Mayumi Uejima-Carr, President of TABLE FOR TWO USA, commented:

“It is such an honor and pleasure for our organization to receive these prestigious awards, one a very historical and reputable award, and the other celebrating our work towards sustainable development for the future. Since the establishment of our organization, we have been working towards 7 of the 17 SDGs by providing healthy school meals to children in need and promoting healthy eating. Our extensive partnerships and collaborations have allowed us to progress in our mission. I would like to thank those partner organizations, schools and individuals who have provided their unwavering support, including United States-Japan Foundation, J.C.C. Fund / Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York, JFC International/Nishiki, JCAW Foundation, Zojirushi America, San-J, ITOCHU International, SMBC Global Foundation, Misuzu Corporation, MUFG Union Bank, N.A., Otafuku Foods, Just One Cookbook, BentOn, and Onigilly. Encouraged by this award, we will continue working with our partners and supporters to achieve even more of the SDGs.”

About TABLE FOR TWO USA

TABLE FOR TWO USA is a 501(C)(3) organization that addresses the issues of hunger and obesity. TFT partners with corporations, restaurants, schools and other food establishments to serve healthy TFT meals. For each one of these healthy meals served, a small portion of the proceeds is donated to provide one school meal for a child in need. TFT started in Japan and now operates in 14 countries. As one of the most well-known NPOs in Japan, a country noted for the longevity of its people, TFT promotes Japanese healthy eating culture and tackles critical health issues. TFT has launched a food education program called "[Wa-Shokuiku -Learn. Cook. Eat Japanese!](#)-" to teach K-12 students in the U.S. about Japanese food and foodways through hands-on cooking and learning activities. For more information about TABLE FOR TWO, please visit: <https://usa.tablefor2.org>.