SAMUEL R. BERGER HONORED WITH AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

Former White House National Security Advisor's Achievements Honored

WASHINGTON DC (November 17, 2015) - Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG) proudly announces that firm co-chair Samuel R. Berger has received the prestigious decoration of the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his efforts to strengthen and deepen the relationship between the United States and Japan.

One of the highest honors bestowed by the government of Japan, the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun is given to those with distinguished achievements in various fields including international relations. In a press release issued today, the Government of Japan commended Mr. Berger for increasing "friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States" and described Mr. Berger's contributions as "promoting defense cooperation between Japan and the U.S., as well as strengthening bilateral economic ties."

While serving as White House National Security Advisor (1997 – 2001) and Deputy National Security Advisor (1993 - 1997) under President William J. Clinton, Mr. Berger led significant efforts to enhance the relationship between the U.S. and Japan, including the reaffirmation of the U.S.-Japan security treaty in 1995 and the establishment of the Trilateral Group (the U.S., Japan, South Korea) to coordinate North Korea policy. In addition, Mr. Berger worked closely to strengthen U.S. – Japan relations while serving as head of the international group at the Washington law firm of Hogan & Hartson.

The award was formally conferred at the Emperor's Palace in Tokyo earlier this month.

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