

**JANUARY 2015**

**9.1.2015:**

*We were informed with great joy and pride that on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, H.E. the Ambassador of Japan in Greece, Mr. Masuo Nishibayashi, granted to Dr Claire Papapavlou the decoration of the “Order of the Rising Sun” for her contribution to the promotion of Japanese Culture and development of Japanese Studies in Greece.*

*Dr. Papapavlou studied Western history and archeology, art and culture at the University of Athens, the French Institute of Athens, the Sorbonne University and the School of the Louvre, Paris. She also studied Far Eastern art and culture at the University of California, Berkley where she got her M.A. and Ph.D.*

*With other scholarships, she toured museums and universities in the U.S. and Japan, where she also studied. She was invited to visit China, in the program of Greek-Chinese Cultural Exchanges. In Greece, in 1982, she inaugurated the Far Eastern studies in the Schools of Philosophy of the Universities of Crete and Athens (Japan Foundation program), and she also taught in other cultural institutions.*

*Her publications mostly related to the Far Eastern culture include books, translations and articles in magazines and encyclopedias.*



*On behalf of the members of the Ohara Greek Chapter’s members and the Board, I would like to convey our congratulations to Dr. Claire Papapavlou.*

*We are deeply grateful and thank Dr. Papapavlou for her precious support towards our Chapter. She offered us advice, information and wonderful lectures of the Japanese Culture, Tradition and the magnificent Arts of Japan for so many years. She has also honoured with her presence the Ohara Greek Chapter’s activities.*

*Joanna Charitou Barczyk  
President  
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