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Mr. Yu Darvish Wins Golden Spirit Award

- Darvish Yu Water Fund credited with contribution to world water issues -



Mr. Yu Darvish has been awarded the 12th Golden Spirit Award which is sponsored by the Hochi Shimbun.

The Golden Spirit Award was established by the Hochi Shimbun in 1999 and is given annually to the Japanese professional baseball player who has contributed enthusiastically to social development and improvement. Every year, one person is chosen based on the recommendations provided by the baseball teams and the award's selection committee.

This year, Mr. Darvish was honored for his social works in Japan and especially for his outstanding contribution to water issues in developing countries through "Darvish Yu Water Fund" which he established with the Japan Water Forum in 2007.

The Award ceremony will be held in Tokyo on November 25th.

What is the Darvish Yu Water Fund?

The objective of the Fund is to contribute to increased access to safe drinking water in developing countries. Darvish Yu, a young professional baseball player in Japan, donates 100,000 JPY to the Darvish Yu Water Fund at each of his wins. Also, people who are willing to help the Fund reach its objective are welcome to make a donation. The total amount of donations has reached 8,740,000 JPY as of September 27, 2010.

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