

# Japanese honour for Entsch

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THE ambassador of Japan has made a special trip to Cairns to award Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.

Mr Entsch was awarded the order by the ambassador Shingo Yamagami for his contribution to strengthening bilateral relations and for promoting inter-parliamentary exchanges between Australia and Japan.

“He has been quite instrumental in promoting the Australian relationship with Japan at various levels,” Mr Yamagami said.

“He has been a member of the Australian Japan Parlia-



**Japanese Ambassador to Australia Shingo Yamagami with wife Kaoru Yamagami and, right, Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch. Picture: Emily Barker**

mentary group for more than 20 years.

“We can feel his natural warmth to Japan and the Japanese people.”

Mr Yamagami said on his visit to Cairns he had a meeting with Mayor Bob Manning

and a trip to the rainforest.

“Cairns occupies an important part of our bilateral relationship, Cairns has a number of Japanese tourists and Cairns is of course the closest city of Australia to Japan,” he said.