

YAMADA Yoichiro

Education: BA, International Relations, University of Tokyo (1980-84)
MPA, Columbia University (SIPA), New York (2002-04)

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984, worked in Tokyo, Moscow, Brussels, Warsaw, New York

Aug. 2004 Director, Specialized Agencies Division, MOFA
Feb. 2007 Counselor for Abandoned Chemical Weapons, Cabinet Office
Jul. 2008 Counselor for International Peace Cooperation, Cabinet Secretariat
Aug. 2010 Minister and DCM, Japanese Embassy in Kenya
Sep. 2013 Minister and DCM, Japanese Embassy in Belgium
June. 2017 Consul-General of Japan in Seattle
Oct. 2020 Specially Appointed Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)
Dec. 2022 Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, to the Republic of Moldova

Awards: Honorary Citizen of the State of Washington (July 8, 2020, conferred by Governor Jay Robert Inslee)

Matsutake Award for Strengthening International Friendship (July 2020, conferred by Nikkei Communities of the Pacific Northwest)

Languages: Japanese (native), English (fluent), Russian (good)

Hobby Golf, Go(game), Piano, Reading, Walking, Opera

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