

Statement of qualifications

Personal information

Name: Masatoshi Sugiura
Date of birth: 20 December 1970
Place of birth: Hyogo, Japan

Experience

Mr. Sugiura joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1993, and has acquired significant experience in a number of fields.

April 2011 -
present

Member of the Committee on Budget and Finance of International Criminal Court (the term is until April 2012).

September 2008 -
present

Counsellor (promoted in August 2009), Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

- Serves as Japan's representative to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.
- Responsible for the negotiations on the scale of assessments, the United Nations regular budget and budgets for peacekeeping operations, oversight, human resources management and other related issues.

August 2006 -
September 2008

Principal Deputy Director of Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau.

- Oversaw Japan's relations with and contributions to the United Nations Funds and Programmes and other international organizations.
- Managed Japan's official development assistance (ODA) policies in several sectors.

September 2003 -
July 2006

Principal Deputy Director of Western Europe Division, European Affairs Bureau.

(First and Second Divisions merged into one division in August 2004).

- Responsible for managing bilateral relations between Japan and Western European Countries

January 2002 -
September 2003

Private Secretary to Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- Duties included administering Japan's post-conflict assistance to Afghanistan and Iraq.

August 2000 -
January 2002

Deputy Director of Financial Affairs Division.
Minister's Secretariat.

- Supervised budgeting, auditing and accounting operations of the Ministry.

July 1998 -
July 2000

Official of Second North America Division.
North American Affairs Bureau.

- Conducted negotiations on economic and trade issues between Japan and the United States.

June 1996 -
July 1998

First Secretary (promoted in May 1997).
Embassy of Japan to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- Responsible for political affairs and management, among other issues.

October 1993 -
February 1994

Official of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division.
North American Affairs Bureau.

- Conducted research into issues related to Japan's adherence to the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty.
- Assisted senior officials in bilateral consultations.

May -
September 1993

Official of Human Rights and Refugee Division
Foreign Policy Bureau.

- Assisted in formulating Japan's policies on human rights and humanitarian affairs.
- Monitored the overall status of ratification of human rights and humanitarian treaties.

Education

1989 - 1993
1994 - 1996

University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law (BA, Public Law).
University of Oxford, United Kingdom (BA, Modern History).

Languages

Japanese (Native)
English

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