

## **Curriculum vitae**

### **Personal**

Name: Fumiko Saiga  
Date of birth: 30 November 1943  
Education: Department of English Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Graduated: March 1966)

### **Career**

January 1980 International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau

June 1983 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

February 1988 Assistant Director, United Nations Policy Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau

March 1988 Deputy Director, Social Cooperation Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau

July 1989 Director, Ocean Division, Economic Affairs Bureau

August 1992 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Denmark

March 1996 Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

May 1998 Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan

September 2000 Consul-General of Japan in Seattle

July 2002 Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

September 2003 April 2007  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Norway

October 2003 April 2007  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Iceland

December 2005 - Present  
Ambassador in charge of Human Rights

### **Work relating to the CEDAW and gender issues**

January 1980 - June 1983  
In charge of preparation of the ratification by the Government of Japan of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau.

- 1985 Attended United Nations Conference on Women, Nairobi, Kenya, and its Preparatory Meetings at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) (1984 and 1985).
- 1988 - 1989 As Deputy Director, had responsibility for, among other things, women's affairs including CSW, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and implementation in Japan of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in cooperation with other ministries.
- 1996 - 1998 In charge of the Third Committee, including CSW and the drafting of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
- 1998 - 2000 Advisor to the Governor of Saitama Prefecture on gender issues.  
Advisor, Drafting Committee of the Regulation on Gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture
- February 1999 and February 2000  
Prepared for adoption in March of the Regulation on Gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture, the first local government to enact such regulation in Japan.
- November 2001 - Present  
Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

#### **Other international meetings and conferences**

- United Nations General Assembly (1983 - 1987, 1990 - 1991, 1996 - 1997)
- United Nations Economic and Social Council
- United Nations Commission on Human Rights
- United Nations Environment Programme (1983)
- International Labour Organization (1988)
- International Telecommunication Union (1988)
- World Health Organization (1988)
- United Nations Population Fund (1988)
- United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna (1988)
- International Maritime Organization (1991)
- Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Law of the Sea (1989 - 1992 in New York and Jamaica)
- United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992 in Rio de Janeiro)
- World Summit for Social Development (1995 in Copenhagen)

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