

**Embassy of Japan
in
The Netherlands**

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The Embassy of Japan in The Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, with reference to the Secretariat's note ICC-ASP/CBF/23 dated 23 March 2011, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan has decided to nominate Mr. Masatoshi Sugiura as a candidate for membership in the Committee on Budget and Finance for the remainder of Mr. Shinichi Iida's term which will expire on 20 April 2012 to be elected by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties.

Mr. Sugiura has extensive experience and recognised standing in financial matters at both the national and international levels. He is currently a counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York and serving as the Japanese representative to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations, where he is demonstrating expertise and leadership in the international negotiations on the scale of assessments, the peacekeeping operation budget and management reform, amongst other areas. In Tokyo, Mr. Sugiura served as Principal Deputy Director of Global Issues Cooperation Division of the International Cooperation Bureau in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he had overall responsibility for overseeing management of various international organisations, which provided him with thorough and detailed knowledge of the budget processes of such organisations.

Such experience and expertise, as outlined in Mr. Sugiura's curriculum vitae attached herewith, attest to his fulfilment of the requirement, set forth in paragraph 2 of the annex to the resolution establishing the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/1/Res.4), that members of the Committee be experts of recognised standing and experience in financial matters at the international level.

Japan has consistently supported the activities of the International Criminal Court since its establishment, and formally became a State Party to the Rome Statute on 1 October 2007. As the largest contributor to the Court's budget, Japan intends to remain a strong supporter of the Court. The decision of the Government of Japan to present the candidature of Mr. Sugiura for election to the Committee on Budget and Finance reflects its firm commitment to continue exerting its utmost efforts to facilitate the activities of the Court. The Government of Japan is fully confident that the candidate possesses the necessary experience, expertise and knowledge in financial and budgetary affairs, as well as recognised standing at the international level, to make a strong contribution to the important work of the Committee.

The Embassy of Japan in The Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague
24 March 2011

the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties
to the Rome Statute of
the International Criminal Court

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.

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

May 1993 - 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

University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law (BA, Public Law)

1994 - 1996

University of Oxford, United Kingdom (BA, Modern History)

Languages

Japanese (Native)

English
