

Kenji HIRAMATSU  
Ambassador of Japan to India



Ambassador Hiramatsu was appointed as Ambassador of Japan to India in November 2015 and to Bhutan in February 2016.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Japan to India, he served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Policy from 2012 to 2015, where he was responsible for overall foreign policy making in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, he played a central role in Japan's new landmark legislation for peace and security. He was one of the authors of the first National Security Strategy in 2014. He was also responsible for a whole range of issues related to the United Nations including the reform of the UN Security Council. Ambassador Hiramatsu also served as Director-General for Global Issues from 2011 to 2012 and was engaged in several important multilateral negotiations. He was a Prime Minister's special envoy for climate change negotiations and contributed to establishing a new climate change framework.

After joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979, Ambassador Hiramatsu has dealt with a wide range of issues, which include national security, multilateral trade negotiations and global agenda such as development, climate change, health and women's empowerment. He took important positions such as Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs, Executive Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Director for Northeast Asia Division, where he was instrumental in realizing the historic visit of Prime Minister Koizumi to North Korea. His overseas postings include Paris and London.

Ambassador Hiramatsu graduated from Kyoto University. He is married and has three daughters.