

Ambassador Yukiya AMANO

Permanent Representative and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna and Governor to the IAEA



Mr. Yukiya AMANO is the current Ambassador of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna. He served as the **Chairman of the IAEA Board of Governors from September 2005 to September 2006**, conducting the organisation successfully over a historic and commemorative period marking the 50th anniversary of the IAEA.

During his tenure, the IAEA and its Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, received the **Nobel Peace Prize**. Ambassador Amano represented the IAEA at the Nobel Prize award ceremony in December 2005.

His contributions and achievements as Chairman of the IAEA Board of Governors were characterized by **his strong leadership skills and determination**. He endeavoured to **promote the humanitarian cause through technical cooperation**. He facilitated Member States' support for the **Program of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT)** in September 2006.

Before being appointed to his current position in Vienna in 2005, Ambassador AMANO supervised Japan's policy on the IAEA as **Director-General for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA, Japan). His involvement with the IAEA dates back to the early 1990s when he was **Director for Nuclear Energy** (MOFA, Japan), in charge of Japan's policy on the Agency.

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Ambassador AMANO is an internationally **established expert on non-proliferation, disarmament and nuclear energy**. He has been at the forefront of addressing the Iranian and North Korean nuclear issues in the Japanese Government, especially in his capacity as the Director-General for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science. He served as the governmental expert at the **UN Panel on Missiles** in April 2001 and at the **UN Expert Group on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education** in July 2001. He contributed, in a future- and action-oriented manner, to the discussions in the 1995, 2000 and 2005 **NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) Review Conferences and their respective Preparatory Committees**.

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Ambassador AMANO was a fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at **Harvard University** in 2001, and a visiting scholar at the **Monterey Institute of International Studies** from 2001 to 2002. His extensive research was published in the Non-Proliferation Review of 2002 under the title "**A Japanese View on Nuclear Disarmament**".

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Ambassador AMANO obtained an **intimate familiarity with organizational management** as Head of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Publications and Information Centre, and as Director for Research Coordination at the Japan Institute of International Affairs, both in Tokyo. In addition, he gained broad and invaluable management experience during his terms as **Director-General for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science**, as **Consul-General of Japan in Marseille**, and as **Director** for both **Nuclear Energy** and **Science Cooperation (MOFA, Japan)**.

As an **excellent communicator, fluent both in English and in French**, Ambassador AMANO has served successfully as **Chairman** of a number of international fora. He led the **NPT Preparatory Committee** in 2007, paving the way for future success at the **NPT Review Conference in 2010**. In his capacity as **Chairman of the IAEA Board of Governors**, he ensured that Board Meetings proceeded smoothly, despite the difficult nature of issues under discussion. He was successful in securing an agreement to shut down Chernobyl Unit No 3 as **Chairman of the G7 Nuclear Safety Group** in 2000.

Ambassador AMANO is an impartial chairman and a good listener who takes the time to hear viewpoints from all sides before making a decision. He knows how to create an appropriate and congenial atmosphere in order to foster consensus. He is skilled at distilling differences between parties and has a quiet yet resolute determination to achieve objectives.

CAREER SUMMARY

Aug 2005 – Present	Permanent Representative and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna and Governor to the IAEA
Apr 2007	Chairman of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 NPT Review Conference
Sep 2005	Chairman of the Board of Governors of the IAEA
Aug 2004	Ambassador, Director-General for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department (MOFA)
Aug 2002	Ambassador, Director-General for Arms Control and Scientific Affairs (MOFA)
Aug 2001	Visiting Scholar, Monterey Institute of International Studies, USA
Jul 2001	Governmental Expert on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Education to the UN Group
Apr 2001	Governmental Expert on Missiles to the UN Panel
Feb 2001	Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA
Jan 2000	Chairman of the G7 Nuclear Safety Group
Aug 1999	Deputy Director-General for Arms Control and Scientific Affairs (MOFA)
Jun 1997	Consul General of Japan in Marseille, France
Aug 1994	Counselor, Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, Switzerland
Aug 1993	Director, Nuclear Energy Division (MOFA)
Feb 1993	Director, Nuclear Science Division (MOFA)
Feb 1990	Director, OECD Publications and Information Center, Tokyo, Japan
Oct 1988	Director for Research Coordination and Senior Research Fellow (Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo, Japan)
Apr 1972	Joined MOFA

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2001 - 2002	Visiting Scholar, Monterey Institute of International Studies, USA
2001	Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA
2000 - 2001	Lecturer, International Politics, Sophia University, Japan
1991 - 1992	Lecturer, International Politics, Yamanashi University, Japan

1988 - 1990	Director for Research Coordination and Senior Research Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Japan
1974 - 1975	Studies at University of Nice, France
1973 - 1974	Studies at University of Besançon, France
1972	Graduated from Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo, Japan

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Japanese View on Nuclear Disarmament (The Non-Proliferation Review, 2002)*
- *The Significance of the NPT Extension (Future Restraints on Arms Proliferation, 1996)*
- *La Non Proliferation Nucleaire en Extreme-Orient (Proliferation et Non-Proliferation Nucleaire, 1995)*
- *Sea Dumping of Liquid Radio Active Waste by Russia (Gaiko Jiho, 1994)*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Born in 1947. Married

LANGUAGES

- English, French and Japanese (mother tongue)