

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 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 in the IAEA dates back to the early 1990s when he was **Director for Nuclear Energy** (MOFA, Japan), in charge of the 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 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 long 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 in both English and 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

