



Session 1 - Greeter

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Akira Muto was appointed Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles in August 2019. With over 25 years of experience in the Foreign Ministry of Japan with background in Russia and policy planning, Muto has served as director of the Russian division, deputy director general (Ambassador) in charge of former Soviet Union states, as well as director of policy coordination division. Additionally, Muto served as director of free trade agreement and economic partnership division and the director of the fourth division of Intelligence Service. As a diplomat, his previous assignments included Washington D.C., Moscow and Boston (Consul General). In recent years, he served as Cabinet Councillor at National Security Secretariat and was engaged in various international security affairs. His research interest covers strategic relations among US-Japan Alliance, Russia and China in the Asia-Pacific region.

Curriculum Vitae

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1960 Born in New Delhi

1985 Graduated from the Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo

1985 Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1992 Deputy Director, International Agreement Division, Treaties Bureau

1996 Principal Deputy Director, Russian Division, European Affairs Bureau

1998 First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the U.S.

2000 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Russian Federation

2004 Director, Free Trade Agreement and Economic Partnership Agreement Division, Economic Affairs Bureau

2004 Director, Southeast Asia Economic Partnership Agreement Division, Economic Affairs Bureau

2005 Director, Fourth Division, Intelligence and Analysis Service
2007 Director, Russian Division, European Affairs Bureau
2010 Director, Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau
2012 Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Boston
2014 Deputy Director General European Affairs Bureau (Ambassador)
2015 Cabinet Official, Cabinet Secretariat Councillor (National Security Secretariat)
2016 Official, Foreign Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cabinet Official,
Cabinet Secretariat (National Security Secretariat)
2016 Cabinet Official, Cabinet Secretariat Councillor (National Security Secretariat)
2018 Minister, Embassy of Japan in the U.S. (Global Affiliate Visiting Scholar, Walter H.
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