

## **Dr. Yasukata Fukahori**

### **Educational History:**

- 1983: Graduated from School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. Granted BA in Economics.
- 1984-1985: Enrolled and attended the graduate program for Master of Economics at University of Melbourne, Australia.
- 1999: Granted Master of Science (Environmental Economics) from Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- 2000-2003: Enrolled and attended the Ph.D. Program for Public Policy at University of Maryland, USA.
- 2003: Transfer all Ph.D. course-work credits from University of Maryland to Vietnam National University due to his diplomatic transfer.
- 2007: Granted Ph.D. for Political Science and Economics (Environmental Economics) from Vietnam National University

### **Career History:**

- 1983: Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- 1984: Enrolled at University of Melbourne as a diplomatic trainee
- 1986: Attaché at Embassy of Japan in Burma, Political Section
- 1988: Third Secretary at Embassy of Japan in UK, Protocol Section
- 1991: Official at Developing Economies Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 1993: Assistant Director at ASEAN Promotion Centre for Trade, Investment and Tourism, Tokyo
- 1997: Second Secretary at Embassy of Japan in Thailand, Political Section
- 2000: First Secretary at Embassy of Japan in USA, Economic Section
- 2003: Head of Economic Section and First Secretary at Embassy of Japan in Vietnam
- 2005: Granted the title of “ASEAN Specialist” from MOFA
- 2005: Head of ASEAN Section and Assistant Director at Regional Policy Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 2007: Principal Deputy Director at Asia Europe Cooperation Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 2009: Executive Director for International Affairs at Kitakyushu City Government

2011: Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in India

2011: Deputy Secretary General, Asia Africa Legal Consultative  
Organization

**Religion:** Shintoism, Buddhism

**Family:** Married with two children

**Note:**

Dr. Fukahori has a strong background in the fields of Southeast Asia, Economic Affairs and environmental economics from his diplomatic and educational career. However, Dr. Fukahori also has profound experience and knowledge in international law in general acquired through his work, particularly in international trade rules. Dr. Fukahori was responsible for WTO and FTA / EAP at Embassy of Japan in USA where he frequently negotiated issues related to international law with USTR and other offices of US Government. While Japan was negotiating Japan-ASEAN EPA rules with ASEAN countries, Dr. Fukahori was the Chairman of Working Group on Cooperation. In Vietnam, Dr. Fukahori was deeply engaged, as the head of economic section of the Embassy, with World Bank and JICA for legal system reform projects, to mention only a few.