

## **Kaji Misako (Japan)**

### **Professional background**

Ms. Kaji Misako has dealt with the United Nations in many aspects throughout her career mainly in the Japanese Foreign Service. She served as a Japanese delegate at the Third Committee and later the Fifth Committee in NY, and as Ambassador at governing bodies of many UN Organisations in Geneva. At the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo, she served as director in charge to compile Japan's reports to two human rights instruments, CRC and CEDAW, and secured passage in the Japanese Diet of legislation for Japan's accession to the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of August 1949.

She was entrusted to serve on many occasions, on behalf not of her country but of the entire UN member states. She served as a member of the ACABQ from 2007–2010, and of the Advisory Group on UN Peacebuilding Fund from 2012–2017. She was a bureau member of the Special Session of the General Assembly on Women in 2000, and of the Preparatory Committee of the third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015. She was the Chairperson of the 2015–2016 Governing Body of the ILO.

Ms Kaji holds experience as an international civil servant, having worked for the UNHCR, where she engaged mainly in inter-agency coordination. Her experience in the academia, on the other hand, provided her with opportunities to reflect upon the making and the mission of the United Nations system.

- 2019 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Croatia (Present position)
- 2017 Professor, Hitotsubashi University School of International and Public Policy
- 2014 Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organisations in Geneva
- 2012 Professor, University of Tokyo, Department of Advanced Social and International Studies, Graduate Programme on Human Security, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2010 Deputy Director-General, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2007 Member, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
- 2006 Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
- 2004 Principal Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2003 Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2002 Deputy Press Secretary to Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan
- 2000 Special Adviser to Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- 1998 Counsellor, Social Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
- 1996 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Viet Nam
- 1993 First Secretary, Mission of Japan to the European Union

- 1987 Assistant Director, Economic Affairs Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1984 Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- 1981 Joined the Japanese Foreign Service

**Academic background**

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MA (2013) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford

**Publications**

*“Why Human Security, Why Japan”*

Sangmin Bae and Makoto Maruyama, Human Security, Changing States and Global Responses: Institutions and Practices, Routledge, 2015 ISBN 9781138803893

*“Disaster Risk Reduction-Japanese Initiatives in the World Agenda”*

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