

Mr. HARADA Masaru

Consul-General of Japan in Chiang Mai

He was born in Japan in the year 1965.

He studied economics at Waseda University in Tokyo and international relations at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1989. He has gained much experience in the bilateral relationship between Japan and Thailand through his two tours of duty at the Embassy of Japan in Bangkok (1993-1996, 2002-2005), as well as through his service at the Southeast Asia Division at the Ministry headquarters in Tokyo (1989, 1996-1999, 2009-2013).

He served as a Consul at the Consulate-General in Sydney, Australia 2005-2009.

Thereafter he was appointed Principal Deputy Director at the Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief Division and then later assumed responsibility as Emergency Relief Coordinator of the Ministry. He responded to major humanitarian crises that happened during his tenure including the Ebola disease outbreak in West Africa as well as the great earthquake in Nepal, among many other that occurred between 2013 and 2016.

He was appointed Director of Diplomatic Missions division, Protocol Office of the Ministry as well as Master of Ceremonies of the Imperial Household Agency during the period of 2016-2019, concurrently.

He was then appointed Director of the Regional Cooperation Division in the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau as well as Director of Friendship Ties division of the Ministerial Secretariat, concurrently during the period of 2019-2020.

He was appointed Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Denmark in September 2020.

He was appointed Consul-General in Chiang Mai, Thailand in October 2024.