

Biography



Kazumasa Kusaka

Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Kazumasa Kusaka has been Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since April 1 2013, and is also a Professor at University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy. He previously served for 36 years in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI).

During his long career in public service, Kusaka was seconded to the International Energy Agency (IEA)/OECD and was Japan's senior official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). He played a central role in Asia's economic integration, promoting FTAs in the region as well as serving as a senior official negotiating the Doha development agenda of the WTO. He was head of Japan's Energy Agency and held director-general positions in technology and environmental policy in addition to trade and investment-related areas within METI.

He was also instrumental in finalizing the Kyoto Protocol, and developing Japan's energy and environment policies. Among many other posts Kusaka has held are Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Global Warming, senior vice president of Mitsubishi Electric, executive adviser to Dentsu Inc., and president of the Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East.



Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand

President, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

Sir Anand Satyanand is currently President of the NZ Institute of International Affairs. He has worked as a lawyer, judge and Ombudsman and was New Zealand's 19th Governor-General from 2006 until 2011. His activities include being Chancellor of The University of Waikato, provides patronage to a small number of community organisations, he undertakes a programme of speaking to audiences in New Zealand and elsewhere; and lastly holding a small number of offices. He was Chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation in London from 2013 to 2016, he is a Visiting Fellow at the Law School of the University of Auckland, and a Member of the International Advisory Committee of Transparency International.



Melanie Thornton

Executive Director, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA)

Melanie Thornton is the Executive Director of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. Prior to joining the Institute in December 2018, Melanie held managerial positions at Greater Wellington Regional Council. She spent four years managing the council's office for the regional economic development strategy and seven years managing a team promoting sustainable transport initiatives across the region.

She has a background in radio journalism as a senior producer and presenter with Radio NZ for many years, was an arts consultant and previously an environmental investigations officer with the Commission for the Environment.



Vangelis Vitalis

Deputy Secretary, Trade and Economic NZ Foreign Affairs & Trade

Vangelis Vitalis is Deputy Secretary, Trade and Economic at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is also the APEC2021 Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Chair for New Zealand's host year and the Chief Negotiator for the Free Trade Agreement with the European Union.

Previously, Vangelis was the Chief Negotiator who concluded the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and before that in 2007-9 led the conclusion of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) and the Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA).

Vangelis has worked outside the Ministry including as an economist in the Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He is a past member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Future Council on Trade and a member of the WEF Trade and Investment Expert network. He has chaired in a personal capacity the OECD Committee on Trade and the Environment (2008-2017), the OECD Global Forum on Trade and Climate Change and is currently the New Zealand Envoy for the Small Advanced Economies' Initiative.



Prof. Zhang Yunling

**Chair Professor and Dean, Institute of International Studies,
Shandong University**

Zhang Yunling, Academy Member of Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS); Chair Professor, Chairman of Academic Council, School of Northeast Asia Studies, President of Institute for International Studies, Shandong University; Vice president of China-ROK Friendship Association.

He was Director of International Studies, CASS (2007-2018); Director of Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies(1993-2007), Director of Japanese Studies(1995-2001), CASS ; Member of East Asia Vision Group (2000-2001, EAVG II, 2012-2013), Member of Official Expert Group on China-ASEAN Cooperation (2001), Member of ASEM Task Force (2003-2004), Chairman of Joint Expert Group for Feasibility Study on EAFTA (2005-2006); Member of Joint Expert Group of CEPEA (2006-2009); Member of National Committee of Chinese Political Consultant Conference (2002-2018.3); Executive Chairman of China-Republic of

Korea Joint Expert Committee (2010-2013); Member of China-Japan 21st Century Friendship Commission (2003-2008).



Anita Prakash

**Director, Policy Relations Economic Research Institute for ASEAN
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Anita Prakash is Director (Policy Relations) in the Office of President of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, Indonesia.

Her policy research supports the summits and ministerial processes in ASEAN, East Asia and Oceania, Europe and Africa, notably the Trade Ministers meetings in ASEAN, the East Asia Summit, Asia-Europe Meeting, and the T 20 and Sherpa process in G20.

Prior to her work at ERIA, she served as Director in the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, and NITI Aayog. She was a Visiting Research Associate at the Graduate Institute, Geneva from 2016 to 2019. She writes extensively on international cooperation for development and connectivity in Indo-Pacific. Important works include the plans for Asia-Africa Growth Corridor, and Asia-Europe Connectivity. She is an alumni of Delhi University (M.Phil) and Australian National University (MBA).



Dr. Josef T Yap

Senior Technical Advisor, ASEP-CELLs project Ateneo School of Government

Josef T. Yap was President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, where he worked for 26 years until his retirement on June 30, 2013. While at PIDS, he specialized in macroeconomic policy and applied econometrics.

Dr. Yap finished his undergraduate and doctoral studies at the University of the Philippines Diliman and went to the University of Pennsylvania on a post-graduate program. In 2010, Dr. Yap was honored as one of the 100 outstanding alumni of the UP Diliman College of Engineering as part of its Centennial celebration.

His current research interest centres on regional economic integration in East Asia and promoting energy security in the Philippines. Dr. Yap was the regional coordinator of the East Asian Development Network and was actively involved in the establishment of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

At present, Dr. Yap is Senior Technical Advisor to the ASEPCELLs Project (Access to Sustainable Energy Program, Clean Energy Living Laboratories) which is being implemented under the auspices of the European Union and the Ateneo School of Government.



Somkiat Tangkitvanich

**President/Acting Program Director for Education Reform Policy
Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)**

Dr. Somkiat Tangkitvanich obtained his PhD in Computer Science from Tokyo Institute of Technology. He has been recognized as a leading Thai expert in the areas of trade and investment policies, innovation policy, education policy and ICT policy. He was a main architect of Thai PBS, the first public television in Southeast Asia, and many media laws in Thailand. Under his leadership, TDRI is nominated “Person of the Year” in 2012 by the Bangkok Post.



Josie Pagani

Director Council for International Development

Josie Pagani is a communications consultant and political commentator. She took over the Director role at CID in June 2016. She has a high-level understanding and experience in the aid and development sector. Her career includes working as the communications manager for NZAID, and also for OECD DAC in Paris. Since returning to Wellington from Paris in 2007 Josie has managed a public affairs consultancy with a number of clients both in New Zealand and abroad.



Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri

Head of Department of Economics Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Yose Rizal Damuri, Head of the Department of Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies. His research activities focus on international trade, regional integration and globalization of value chain. He is active in several research and advisory networks both in Indonesia and in East Asia, such as Indonesia Service Dialogue (ISD) and Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT).

Yose also teaches International Economics courses at the Faculty of Economics University of Indonesia. In addition, he occasionally writes in local and national newspapers. He received his Bachelor of Economics from the Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia. He continued his study at the National Centre for Development Studies, Australian National University (ANU), Canberra and got his Master of Economics of Development (MEcDev). He received his PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI), Geneva, Switzerland.



Dr. Prof. Ahn Choong Yong

**Distinguished Professor, Graduate School of International Studies
Chung-Ang University**

Dr. Ahn is currently Distinguished Professor at the Graduate School of International Studies, Chung-Ang University, Seoul. He is also Co-Chair of Korea-India Strategic Dialogue organized annually by Korea Foundation, Seoul Forum, and Ananta Aspen Centre of India. Previously, he was Chairman, Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership (KCCP: 2014-2018) to induce voluntary collaborations between Korea's big businesses and SMEs, and also Chairman of the Board, Korea Electric Power Corporation. Before taking the KCCP post, he served as presidentially appointed Foreign Investment Ombudsman (2006-2014) for foreign direct investors in Korea. He is also former Chairman of the Presidential Regulatory Reform Committee (2010-2012).

Dr. Ahn's honors include the Economist of the Year Award from the Maeil Business Daily Newspaper in Korea, the Okita Policy Research Award by the National Institute for Research Advancement in Japan for his publication on "Modern East Asian Economy," and Free Economy Publication Award by the Federation of Korean Industries.



Prof. Gary Hawke

Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

Gary Hawke was Head of the School of Government and Professor of Economic History at Victoria University of Wellington. He held visiting appointments at Stanford University, All Souls' College, Oxford, the Australian National University and a number of institutions in Japan. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Distinguished Fellow of the NZ Association of Economists and Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration of New Zealand. He is a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. He consults for government on education policy.

He was Director of the Institute of Policy Studies from 1987 to 1998. He is a member of the board of the New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Co-operation Council, NZPECC, a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia and represents NZ Institute for Economic Research on its Research Institutes Network. He is now Emeritus Professor, Victoria University

of Wellington, and Senior Fellow, NZ Institute of Economic Research.



Simon SC Tay

Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Simon SC Tay is a public intellectual as well as an advisor to major corporations and policymakers. Based in Singapore, he is Chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, the country's oldest think tank that has been ranked as the best independent think tank in Asia.

He is concurrently a tenured Associate Professor, teaching international law at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and has also taught at Harvard Law School, the Fletcher School and Yale University. Prof Tay is also Senior Consultant at Wong Partnership, a leading Asian law firm of some 300 lawyers and with offices in ASEAN, China and the Middle East. He served on boards for leading global companies including MUFG Bank of Japan, Toyota Japan, and Deutsche Boerse (Asia), and was previously Corporate Advisor to Temasek Holdings (2006-09).



Dr. Vo Tri Thanh

Chairman, Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC)

Dr. Vo Tri Thanh is former Vice-president of the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM). He is currently Chairman of Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (VNCPEC) and a member of the National Financial and Monetary Policy Advisory Council. He is also Director of Institute for Brand and Competitiveness Strategy (BCSI). He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Moscow State University, and a master's degree in Economics and a PhD degree in Economics both from the Australian National University. Dr. Vo Tri Thanh mainly undertakes research and provides consultation on issues related to trade liberalization, international economic integration and macroeconomic policies. His other areas of interests include institutional reforms, financial system and economic development.



Charles Finny
Partner, Saunders Unsworth

Charles Finny is a Partner at the Wellington Government Relations company Saunders Unsworth. He is a former trade negotiator, diplomat and CEO of the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Charles has served overseas in Singapore, Beijing (Deputy HOM) and Taipei (HOM). He has been heavily involved in New Zealand's GATT/WTO, bilateral and regional FTAs. He was Chief Negotiator in the early stages of the FTA with China and the Chief Negotiator of the recently signed agreement with Taiwan.

Charles chairs the Board of Education New Zealand and is on the Boards of NZTE, the New Zealand Film Commission and Victoria University of Wellington Council.



Ambassador Murray McLean AO
Chairman, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd

Murray McLean is Chair, Foundation of Australian and Japanese Studies (NPO); a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs (since 2018); and Chairman of his family company, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd. He was Chair, Australia Japan Foundation (2012-2020); a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University (2012-2015) and a non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy (2014-2016).

Formerly a senior officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), he retired in 2012 after a 42-year career culminating in his role as Ambassador to Japan (2004-2011).

Prior to that role, he served as Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2004); First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (2001-2003), High Commissioner to Singapore (1997-2001); Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, (1992-1996), and Consul General, Shanghai (1987-1992). His other DFAT postings were at the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. (1983-1986); the Australian Embassy in Beijing (twice) (1973-1976 and 1979-1983) and in Hong Kong (1971-1973).



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi is currently Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based Think-Tank. He works on issues related to development economics, involving development finance, SDGs and South-South Cooperation, apart from trade, investment and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. He is also Member, Board of Governors, Reserve Bank of India.

He has authored/edited 22 books, apart from contributing several chapters in the edited volumes and also publishing several research articles in prestigious journals. He is on the Editorial Advisory Board of IDS Bulletin, Sussex, UK.

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi was also the Global Justice Fellow at the MacMillan Center for International Affairs at Yale University and has served as a Visiting Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and was a Developing Country Fellow at the University of Amsterdam (1996), Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla (2003), and Visiting Scholar at the German Development Institute (2007).



Prof. Shujiro Urata

Professor Emeritus, Waseda University

Shujiro Urata is Professor Emeritus, Waseda University. He was Professor of International Economics, Graduate School Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University. He is currently Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Specially Appointed Fellow at the Japanese Centre for Economic Research (JCER), Senior Research Advisor, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Visiting Researcher, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies. Professor Urata received his B.A. in Economics from Keio University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics at Stanford University.

He is a former Research Associate at the Brookings Institution, an Economist at the World Bank. He specializes in International Economics and Economics of Development. He has held a number of research and advisory positions including senior advisor to the Government of Indonesia, consultant to the World Bank, OECD, the Asian Development

Bank and the Government of Japan.



Datuk P. Ravidran Palaniappan

Former Senior Director and Advisor in Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Senior Adviser, White Rook Advisory

Mr. P. Ravidran Palaniappan has served in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia (MITI) for 36 years in various capacities. As Director and subsequently as Senior Director of the ASEAN Economic Integration Division (AEID) MITI, one of the main responsibilities was to oversee the full implementation of the measures under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC Blueprint measures, including liberalization of goods and services under the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement and ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services).

He was also Malaysia's lead negotiator for Malaysia –India FTA, Malaysia – Turkey FTA and Malaysia – EU FTA (stalled). He was also the lead negotiator and ASEAN Co- Chair for the ASEAN – India FTA. He also served as the Chair of the Working Group on Services for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement from 2015-2018. He has also served in the past as the Chair of the Coordinating Committee on Services of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, Chair of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Working Group.

He holds BA (Hons) and Diploma in Education from University of Malaya, Diploma in Public Administration from INTAN Malaysia and master's in international business from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.



Dr. Mignonne Man-Jung Chan

Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Forum on Humanities

Dr. Mignonne Man-Jung Chan is Chief Strategy Officer of Healthy Asia, a region-wide company that flagships AI technology, medicare management expertise, and comprehensive medical humanity.

She sits on many Boards including Commissioner of the KMT Party Review & Disciplinary Commission, Board Member of the National Policy Research Foundation, Independent Non-Executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank (Taiwan), Executive

Board Member of Association of Emerging Market Studies, Association of Strategic Environmental Resources, and the Sino-U.S. Economic & Cultural Association.

Dr. Chan currently also serves as Advisor to Chinese Taipei APEC Study Center at Taiwan Institute of Economic Research, and Advisor to the Chinese Cyan Geese Peace Education Foundation, the 21st Century Foundation. She is also Visiting Associated Professor for the MBA program and the International College of Innovation at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan.

Dr. Chan was previously Senior Adviser to President Ma Ying-Jeou at the National Security Council of ROC 2008~2010, Director General of International Secretariat of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) 1999~2001; Director (Research) at the International

Secretariat of Asia-Pacific Cooperation Council (APEC) 1996~1999, and Chief of Staff at the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC).



Suzannah Jessep

Director, Engagement and Research Asia Media Centre, Asia New Zealand Foundation

Suzannah Jessep joined the Asia New Zealand Foundation in March 2018, after serving as New Zealand's Deputy High Commissioner to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Deputy Ambassador to Nepal and as New Zealand's Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu. During her thirteen years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, she also served in the Ministry's Australia, Pacific and

Europe Divisions, and in the area of Antarctic and security policy. Prior to working in the Foreign Ministry, Suzannah worked briefly in film production and is a section winner in New Zealand's World of Wearable Arts Awards. She is an honours graduate of International Relations and Art History from Victoria University of Wellington and recipient of the Alan Robinson Memorial Prize awarded to the top International Relations student. Suzannah is passionate about Asia, and in particular building New Zealand's connections with the fast-growing and dynamic South Asia.



Naoyuki Haraoka

Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Mr. Naoyuki Haraoka has been Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007. After graduating the University of Tokyo in 1978 (Bachelor of Economics), he joined MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) of Japanese government.

After having acquired MPA at Princeton, he rejoined MITI in 1984 as an economist. Since then he had been posted as Deputy Director and Director of a number of MITI divisions including Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau. He was also posted in Paris twice, firstly, Principal Economist of Trade Bureau of OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) from 1988 to 92 and secondly Counselor to Japanese Delegation of OECD from 1996 to 99.

After coming back to MITI from his second stay in Paris, at the occasion of the government structural reform in 2001 when MITI was remodeled as METI (Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry) he joined the efforts to found MET research institute, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry as its Director of Administration.

He became Chief Executive Director of JETRO San Francisco in 2003 and stayed in San Francisco until 2006. He was Director-General of METI Training Institute from 2006 until July 2007 when he left METI permanently.