

## Kaname Ikeda



After studying Engineering at the University of Tokyo up to 1968, Dr. Kaname Ikeda joined the Atomic Energy Bureau (AEB) of the Science and Technology Agency (STA).

In 1984 he became Director of the Nuclear Fuels Division of the AEB-STA, and in 1985 began his diplomatic career by moving as Counselor to the Scientific Section of the Japanese Embassy in Washington. DC.

In 1988 he was appointed Director of the International Affairs Division of the Science and Technology Promotions Bureau of the STA, and from there became Director of the Materials Standards Division of the Agency for Industrial Science and Technology, at the Ministry for International Trade and Industry (MITI).

In 1991 he moved back to STA as Director of the Policy Division of the R&D Bureau, and in 1992 as Director of the Personnel Division of the Minister's Secretariat. After a spell from 1993 as Deputy Director-General at the International Trade Policy Bureau of MITI, he returned again to STA in 1995 as Deputy Director-General of the Science and Technology Promotion Bureau, in 1996 as Director-General of the Nuclear Safety Bureau, and in 1998 as Director-General of the R&D Development Bureau.

In 2000 he was appointed Deputy Minister for Science and Technology at STA, and in 2001, became the Executive Director of Japan's National Space Development Agency.

In 2003 he was appointed Ambassador to Croatia.

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