

KITAJIMA, Shinichi (Japan)

Current employment and position/title:

Advisor, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Mr Shinichi Kitajima has 40 years of distinguished career in the Japanese Foreign Service which should be useful to the fulfilment of IUCN's mission.

From 2008 to 2011, he served as Japan's Ambassador to the International organizations in Geneva including IUCN. He represented Japan at many international organizations (WTO, WHO, ILO, WIPO, UNCTAD, ICRC, etc.) there, and is familiar with the workings of these organizations as well as their best practices. He was the Chair of the Council of IOM (International Organization for Migration) from 2009 to 2010 and the Chair of the Humanitarian Liaison Group from 2008 to 2009.

From 2005 to 2008, he was Japan's Ambassador to the OECD in Paris. He discussed best practices in various areas of economic and social activities always with the importance of sustainable development in mind.

From 2002 to 2005, he was Deputy Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in charge of administration. He is familiar with the working and management of large organizations.

From 2001 to 2002, he was Director General of the Economic Affairs Bureau in the Foreign Ministry.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Throughout his long career in the Japanese Foreign Service, Mr Kitajima had close contacts and liaison with his counterparts in the Region, especially when he served in the Economic Affairs Bureau, the Economic Cooperation Bureau, and the Foreign Policy Bureau. When he was Director of the Aid Policy Division of the Economic Cooperation Bureau in the mid 90's, he used to visit many countries in the Region discussing Japanese economic and technical cooperation with them and came to share the same values and expectations for the goal of sustainable development. He served in the Japanese Embassy in Singapore In the early 80's.

When he was the Deputy Vice Minister in Tokyo, an Ambassador to the OECD, and Ambassador in Geneva, he was actively involved with the budgetary and structural reforms of various large organizations and he hopes that through such experience he can make a positive contribution to the work of IUCN.