

**Ambassador Nobushige Takamizawa, Japan**

**President of the Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)**

Mr. Nobushige Takamizawa has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva since December 2016.

Prior to his current assignment, since July 2013, Mr. Takamizawa served as Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat and was in charge of national security and crisis management. In January 2014, with the establishment of the National Security Council, he was concurrently appointed as Deputy Secretary General of the National Security Secretariat and played an instrumental role in the development and first-ever adoption of the National Security Strategy, which sets out Japan's fundamental policies pertaining to national security.

As Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary, he also served as Director General of the National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity (initially called the National Information Security Center). He had a key role in promoting comprehensive measures to defend cyberspace and strengthen the response capability against cyber-attacks, thereby establishing relevant measures and mechanisms, including the formulation of Japan's Cybersecurity Strategy in 2015.

Prior to July 2013, Mr. Takamizawa held various positions in the Ministry of Defense of Japan, which he joined in 1978.

From 2011 to 2013 he was President of the National Institute for Defense Studies, which is the core policy research arm of the Ministry. As President, he proactively engaged in research and studies, which included arms control and disarmament, and promoted international exchanges and information dissemination.

During his service in the Bureau of Defense Policy of the Ministry, Ambassador Takamizawa extensively engaged in arms control and disarmament, including that of conventional arms:

- As Director General of the Bureau from 2008 to 2011, he played a pronounced role in formulating Japan's position on signing and thus committing itself to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).
- In 2002-2004, he served as Director of the Defense Policy Division of the Bureau, in which he led initiatives towards the destruction of Japan's anti-personnel mines in order to fulfill its obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and of Their Destruction (APLC).
- In 1995-1996, as its first Director, he headed the Confidence Building Measures and Arms Control Planning Office of the Defense Policy Division of the same Bureau. In this role, he strived to promote international cooperation.

Ambassador Takamizawa graduated from the University of Tokyo (Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Law) in 1978, and was a Visiting Fellow at the National Defense University in Washington D.C. from 1994 to 1995.