

## Kazuko Hikawa



BIO

Kazuko Hikawa is a Japanese diplomat, currently working as First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in Baghdad.

She has been involved in non-proliferation and disarmament issues continuously throughout her career. She served at the Disarmament and Arms Control Division in Tokyo, at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna where she covered IAEA safeguards issues, and at the Japanese Embassy in Washington DC. Before her current posting, she was Deputy Director of the Non-proliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division in 2013–2015, where she was in charge of safeguards issues.

In 2013, she was appointed as Special Assistant for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation Issues in the Ministry, based on her extensive background and expertise. Hikawa has played active roles at many international or multilateral conferences and meetings, including the Asia Pacific Safeguards Network, the NPT Review Process, the G8, the IAEA, as well as the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).