

Kunio Mikuriya

Candidate for the Secretary General of the WCO



Professional experience

[Current Position]

Deputy Secretary General of the WCO (Jan. 2002, since Jan. 2006, 2nd term)

Before joining the WCO Secretariat as Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Mikuriya has demonstrated extensive expertise not only in customs and trade, but also budget and financial issues through his 25-year career in the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Japan, where he served in a variety of senior management posts.

- 2001 Counsellor for Customs and Tariff Bureau, MOF
- 1999-2001 Director, International Affairs, Customs and Tariff Bureau, MOF
 - Served as Chairman of the WCO Finance Committee (2000-2001), where he exercised initiative to review budgetary and financial matters.
 - During this period, lectured at GRIPS (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies) as a Visiting Professor.
- 1997-1999 Director, Enforcement Division, Customs and Tariff Bureau, MOF
 - During this period, lectured on customs issues at Harvard International Tax program for the three consecutive years.
- 1995-1997 Directorships in Budget Bureau, MOF, where he was responsible for civil servant salaries and budgets for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry and foreign aid.
- 1993-1995 Negotiator for the WTO (tariffs, customs related issues, including Customs Valuation, Rules of Origin, TRIPs and Antidumping measures), Customs and Tariff Bureau, MOF
 - Served as a negotiator for the Uruguay Round and legislation of its outcome
- 1990-1993 First Secretary/Counsellor at the Japanese Mission to the WTO in Geneva
 - Served as a negotiator for the Uruguay Round
- 1987-1990 Deputy Directorships in Budget Bureau, MOF, where he was in charge of legal affairs and budget for Justice and Police.
- 1982-1984 Seconded to the Bank of Japan
- 1981-1982 Director, Regional Tax Office
- 1976 Joined MOF, Japan

[Education]

- 1979 Certificat d'étude, L'Institut des Etudes Politiques de Paris
- 1976 B.A. in University of Tokyo (Law)

[Language]

Fluent in English and French

Mother tongue: Japanese