

OSUMI Yo was appointed Consul General of Japan in San Francisco in August 2023.

Born in Japan in 1966, he graduated from the University of Tokyo (Faculty of Economics) and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1990.

His recent posts in Tokyo include those of Deputy Assistant Minister for Crisis Management and Cyber Security and Information Technology Management (2019-21), Deputy Director General for Consular Affairs (2019-20), Latin American and Caribbean Affairs (2019-20) and Intelligence and Analysis Service (2020-21). Most recently, he was Director General, Counter-Terrorism Unit Japan and Councillor, Cabinet Secretariat (2021- 23). He has also served as Director of Economic Security Division in MOFA, Senior Coordinator for Global Environment Division, and Principal Deputy Director of Southwest Asia Division.

His experiences in North America include his service as Assistant Director of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division and Status of U.S. Forces Division, as well as an officer at the First North America Division at the start of his diplomatic career. He earned his Master's Degree at Columbia University in New York in May 1993.

He has had overseas assignments in Israel (Deputy Chief of Mission, 2017-19), the United Kingdom (Political Minister, 2014-17), the Netherlands (First Secretary, 2003-05) and Saudi Arabia (Second Secretary, 1993-95). He has also served as Director for Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Africa at the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) from 2005 to 2009. During this time, he was responsible for the Agency's engagement with, *inter alia*, China, India, and Southeast Asia in the areas of energy and climate change.

He is married and has two children. As his name "Yo" means "ocean," he loves various marine sports and has acquired an operator's (skipper's) certificate in Israel. He is an avid student of history and an extensive traveler who has been all over Japan and the world. He is a practitioner of the Way of Tea (tea ceremony).