

Kotaro Otsuki
Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco

Consul General Kotaro Otsuki joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1993 as a career diplomat.

He has devoted more than one third of his diplomatic career to Russia-related affairs and has extensive experience in the field. He served as Principal Deputy Director of the Russian Division at the Ministry's headquarters and was posted twice to the Embassy of Japan in Russia (1997–1999, 2013–2017). Due to his deep expertise on Russia, he was seconded to the Cabinet Secretariat to conduct research on Russian affairs.

Beyond his work on Russia, Consul General Otsuki served for two years in the Foreign Minister's Office (Foreign Minister Ms. Kawaguchi, Mr. Machimura, and Mr. Aso) as a junior executive secretary and was posted to the Embassy of Japan in South Korea as Political Counselor. He also engaged in cybersecurity and digital transformation initiatives, focusing on improving operational efficiency within the Ministry.

He speaks English, Russian, and Korean.

He is married and has one son.