

United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

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Mr. Takahisa Kawakami of Japan was appointed Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Security Sector Support and Rule of Law by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on 2 September 2008.

Mr. Kawakami has had a distinguished career with the United Nations, both in the field and at Headquarters, and exposure to many of the issues and challenges under the Deputy Special Representative's purview. He earlier served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Prior to joining UNMIT, he held the position of Chief of Staff in the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from 2007 to 2008. He also served in Cambodia with the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) from 1992 to 1993 and with the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) from 1991 to 1992.

He was posted to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York from 1987 to 1991 and 2003 to 2007 and served with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations at United Nations Headquarters from 1995 to 2000.

Mr. Kawakami holds a degree in political science from Waseda University in Tokyo. He was born in 1950 in Hamamatsu City, Japan. Mr. Kawakami is married and has one daughter.