

Ambassador Takeshi Akamatsu was appointed as the Representative of Japan on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in December 2022. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Consul General and Ambassador of Japan to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, since 2019.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan in 1988, he held a number of senior positions including Principal Deputy Director, United Nations (UN) Administration Division, in 2000; Director, International Press Division, Assistant Press Secretary to the Minister, in 2009; Director, First Africa Division, in 2010; and Deputy Assistant Minister, Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, in 2018. He has worked on aid policy, international cooperation, and international press.

His career abroad began at the Embassy of Japan in France in 1989. His other foreign postings include the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Zaire (DRC today) in 1991; the Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union in 2004; Ambassador of Japan at its Embassy in South Sudan in 2012; and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN in 2015, where he was a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

Ambassador Akamatsu holds a degree in International Law from the Faculty of Law at Kyoto University. He is an avid fan of classical music and speaks Japanese, English and French.