

MATSUURA Shigekazu

Date of Birth: 15 November 1969

Place of Birth: Sapporo, Japan

Education:

- 1995 M.Eng. (Nuclear Engineering), Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University
- 1993 B.Eng. (Nuclear Engineering), Kyoto University



Professional Carrier:

- Aug. 2020 – Present Director, Atomic Energy Division, Research and Development Bureau, Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Jul. 2018 – Aug. 2020 Cabinet Councillor, Office of Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
- Jun. 2016 – Jul. 2018 Director, International Nuclear and Fusion Energy Affairs Division, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT
- Aug. 2014 - May. 2016 Professor, Presidential Adviser for Education System and General Planning, Nagoya University
- Dec. 2012 - Jul. 2014 Secretary to the Minister of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology, MEXT
- Mar. 2011 - Dec. 2012 Deputy Director of Nuclear Liability Office, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT
- Aug. 2009 - Mar. 2011 Director, Office for Space Utilization Promotion, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT
- Jul. 2008 - Aug. 2009 Principal Deputy Director, Promotion Policy Division, Research Promotion Bureau, MEXT
- Jul. 2005 - Jul. 2008 Science Attaché, Embassy of Japan in the UK
- Apr. 2002 - Jul. 2005 Deputy Director, Space Development and Utilization Division, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT
- Mar. 2001 - Mar. 2002 Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Jul. 1997 - Mar. 2001 Office of Administrative Reform, Science and Technology Agency (STA)
- Apr. 1996 - Jul. 1997 Nuclear Fuel Division, Atomic Energy Bureau, STA
- Apr. 1995 - Apr. 1996 Nuclear Policy Division, Atomic Energy Bureau, STA
- Apr. 1995 Joined STA

Biography:

Mr. Shigekazu Matsuura is responsible for atomic energy policy in MEXT including R&D on advanced reactors and fuel cycle, decommissioning of nuclear facilities and waste management, and human resource development as well as overseeing Japan Atomic Energy Agency.

Prior to the current position, Mr. Matsuura was at a leading position as Cabinet Councillor to support senior members of Cabinet Secretariat in terms of strategic innovation policy making across the Government.

From 2016 to 2018, as Director responsible for nuclear fusion policy, Mr. Matsuura led Japanese delegation to ITER Project and EU-Japan Broader Approach Activities as deputy Head of Delegation to the Council or Steering Committee.

From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Matsuura, as Presidential Advisor of Nagoya University, navigated University's management reform and academic organization restructuring.

Before serving as Secretary to the Minister of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology, Mr. Matsuura worked at the nuclear liability issue derived from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant accident in 2011 as a deputy head of the Secretariat of the Dispute Reconciliation Committee for Nuclear Damage Compensation whose main role are to compile guidelines for the scope of nuclear damage.

During his tenure in the sections related to space development for about five years in total, Mr. Matsuura worked on International Space Station Program, privatization of Japanese primary launch vehicle, H-IIA rocket, and restructuring of Japanese space agencies to JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency).