



Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ)

48th Seminar

Online ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, March 25, 2021

12:00-13:30 hours (Belgrade, CET) or 20:00-21:30 hours (Japan Time)

“The United Nations, Serbia, and Kosovo”

HE Mr. Vuk Jeremić

President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD)

- 20:00 Opening remarks by Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Special Advisor of GPAJ
- 20:05 Introduction of the guest speaker by Ms. Aleksandra Babovic, Member of GPAJ
- 20:10 Presentation by Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Former Foreign Minister of Serbia and President of the General Assembly of the United Nations
“Serbia and Kosovo: How did we arrive here and how to go forward?”
- 20:40 Comment by former Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Tsuneo Nishida
- 20:50 Discussion with GPAJ members moderated by Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, President of GPAJ
- 21:25 Announcement for the next event
- 21:30 End of the Seminar

To attend the meeting, please send an email message to the organizer, Aleksandra Babovic at [aleksandrababovic\[@ \]gmail.com](mailto:aleksandrababovic@gmail.com) by March 22, 2021.



Mr. Vuk Jeremić



HE Mr. Vuk Jeremić is the President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD), an international think-tank, and Editor-in-Chief of its journal Horizons. In 2012-2013, he served as the President of the United Nations General Assembly. During his mandate, he played a pivotal role in establishing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and adopting the Arms Trade Treaty. In 2007, he chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. Mr. Jeremić occupied prominent positions in the Serbian government as Foreign Minister (2007-2012) and advisor to the President and various governmental ministries. He was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013 and appointed

to the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) in 2014. He is a University of Cambridge and Harvard University graduate.

Commentator

Mr. Tsuneno Nishida



Mr. Tsuneno Nishida served as the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations from June 2010 to 2013. He was First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America and as Consul-General of Japan in Los Angeles. Furthermore, he served as Deputy Director General of the European and Oceanic Affairs Bureau and as Director General of the Economic Cooperation Bureau in Tokyo. In 2002, Ambassador Nishida was appointed Deputy Vice-Minister of Foreign Policy and Director-General of the Foreign Policy Bureau. From 2005 to 2007, he was the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs. He served as Ambassador to Canada before his appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations. He is currently Special Advisor to the President of Kanagawa University and Honorary Director of the Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University. He is member of the Board of

Directors of the UN University, the East West Institute and UCLA Terasaki Center.

Mr. Yasushi Akashi



After graduating from the University of Tokyo, Mr. Akashi completed his Master's degree at the University of Virginia. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1957. He served as Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cambodia, and later for the Former Yugoslavia. He was Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs until the end of 1997. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Kyoto Inter International Conference Center, Representative of the Government of Japan on Peacebuilding in Sri Lanka,

President of the Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), Vice-President of the United Nations Association of Japan, and Visiting Professor at Kwansai Gakuin University.