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**【Co-organizer : Kyoto Peacebuilding Center (KPC) 】**

**Online Seminar**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021, 20:00~21:30 (Japan Standard Time)**

**Ms. Kae YANAGISAWA**

**Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Malawi**

**Former Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

**Member of the Board of Trustees of Kyoto Peacebuilding Center**

**“A Paradox of Peace, Democracy and Poverty - the Case of Malawi”**

20:00 *Opening Remarks*

Mr. Yasushi AKASHI, GPAJ Special Adviser

20:05 *Introduction of Speakers*

Ms. Fujiko AMANO, GPAJ Director

20:10 *Keynote Speech*

Ms. Kae YANAGISAWA, former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Malawi, former Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Member of the Board of Trustees of Kyoto Peacebuilding Center

20:40 *Panel Discussion*

Mr. Shigeki KOMATSUBARA, Permanent Resident Representative for UNDP Malawi  
Mr. Koji SAKANE, Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office, GPAJ Director

21:00 *Open Discussion*

Professor Sukehiro HASEGAWA, GPAJ President (Moderator)

21:25 *Announcement of Future Events*

Language : English

## Opening Remarks

Mr. Yasushi AKASHI, Special Adviser



Mr. Yasushi Akashi is currently Chairman of the Kyoto International Conference Center, Visiting Professor of Kwansei Gakuin University, and Representative of the Government of Japan on Peacebuilding in Sri Lanka. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1957. In 1979, he was appointed Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. From 1979 to 1997, he served in several senior positions at the United Nations as Under-Secretary-General for Public Information and later for Disarmament Affairs, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Cambodia and later for the Former Yugoslavia, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs. Akashi served as President of Hiroshima Peace Institute (1998-1999), Chairman of the Japan Center for Conflict Prevention (1999-2011) and Chairman of the International House of Japan (2009-2018). He obtained a B.A. from the University of Tokyo and a M.A. from the University of Virginia.

## Keynote Speaker

Ms. Kae YANAGISAWA, former Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, former Vice President of JICA, Member of the Board of Trustees of KPC



Ms. Kae Yanagisawa was born in Nagano Prefecture and received a master's degree from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at John Hopkins University. At JICA, she served in various positions including Resident Representative of Uzbekistan Office, Executive Advisor of the Africa Department, Director of the Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, and Director of East and Central Asia and the Caucasus Department. For a period of three years from 2005, she served as Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation at UNDP. In 2014, she has become Vice President of JICA, and between 2016 and 2019, she served as Ambassador of Japan to Malawi. Currently she is a board member of Africa Society.

## Panel Discussants

Mr. Shigeki KOMATSIBARA, Permanent Resident Representative of UNDP Malawi



Mr. Shigeki Komatsubara obtained a Msc. in Economics (International Relations) from the London School of Economics and Political Science after graduating from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Prior to joining UNDP in 2002, he worked at the Secretariat of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) and the Secretariat of OECD BIAC as secondment. In June 2019, he was appointed to the current position, Permanent Resident Representative of UNDP Malawi, after serving positions including Country Advisor of the Africa Bureau at the UNDP Headquarters, Permanent Resident Deputy Representative of Ghana UNDP and TICAD Program Adviser of the Africa Bureau at the UNDP Headquarters.

Mr. Koji SAKANE, Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office, GPAJ Director



Mr. Koji Sakane became Chief Representative of JICA Sudan office in February, 2021. Before taking this post, he worked as Senior Director of JICA Peacebuilding Office around 4 years. He has 30-years of professional experiences on peace and development. His recent career includes Deputy Chief Secretary at President Office (2014-2017), Director for Planning and ASEAN Coordination (2011-2014) and Director for Cambodia (2010-2011). He has field experiences at Indonesia (2006-2010) and Cambodia (1994-1996). He also served at Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (2001-2003). He obtained Master degree on Conflict Resolution at Bradford University, and Bachelor degree on Political Science at Waseda University. He is a member of Japan Society of International Development.

### **Open Discussion Moderator**

Professor Sukehiro HASEAGAWA, GPAJ President



Professor Sukehiro Hasegawa presently serves as President of Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan, Director of Kyoto Peacebuilding Center and Distinguished Professor of the Kyoto University of the Arts. He is also Executive Director for Academic Exchange, UN Association of Japan (UNA-Japan), Director, Academic Council on the United Nations (ACUNS), Tokyo Liaison Office. He is former Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste. UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in South Pacific, Rwanda and Timor-Leste; Deputy Executive Coordinator of the UN Volunteers Programme; UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific. Director of Policy Planning, UNOSOM II, Somalia. He holds a BA from University

of Michigan, a MA from the ICU in Tokyo, and a PhD from Washington University in St. Louis, USA.

### **MC**

Ms. Fujiko AMANO, GPAJ Director



Ms. Fujiko Amano currently serves as Head of Research and Policy Analysis Cluster at ASEAN-Japan Centre. She is a New York licensed lawyer. She was a FY2009 Program Associate for the Global Peacebuilders Program. She previously served as a UNV Legal Officer at UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia (2010-2011) and Senior Deputy Director for Free Trade Agreement and Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2011-2014). She has more than 20 years of legal experience including international law firms and the legal department at multinational companies (last as Director and Managing Counsel). She holds a BA in Jurisprudence from Oxford University, a Msc. in Government from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a BA in Political Science and German from Bryn Mawr College.