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Past Executive Director [2009]

Ambassador Michael Tay [Singapore]



Ambassador Michael Tay is the 17th Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat. He concurrently holds the position of Executive Director of the Russia-Singapore Business Forum Organizing Council.

Ambassador Tay has taken office at one of the most challenging moments in APEC's 20-year history, as a global economic recession takes hold. His main priority in the 2009 Singapore year is to keep APEC focused on the path of free trade, resisting protectionism while accelerating economic integration of the Asia-Pacific, and improving links with the business community. He will also play a lead role in paving the way for a new fixed-term Executive Director who will lead the Secretariat from 2010-2012.

His links to APEC date back to the conception and establishment of APEC, and to the founding of the Secretariat. He has since been witness to the evolution of the process.

Ambassador Tay brings to the position his unique strengths and experience in mobilising business linkages, in forging new ways of building diplomatic ties, including through the arts, and in strategic foreign policy thinking.

Prior to joining the Secretariat, Ambassador Tay served as Singapore's Ambassador to Russia from 2003-2008. While there he initiated the Russia-Singapore Business Forum, which is the only international business-to-business platform engaging Russian business. He also changed the nature of Singapore-Russia diplomatic ties when he commissioned - as a private sector initiative - the renowned Russian composer, Vladimir Martynov, to compose a symphony about Singapore.

The finished piece, "Singapore: A Geopolitical Utopia", is an enduring testament to the collaboration. It was premiered in the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall in Moscow in 2005, and can be heard by visitors to the National Museum of Singapore.

This demonstration of the value of soft power and non-traditional diplomacy has reinforced Ambassador Tay's belief that the real agents of change in regional and global processes are people. For all change or inertia in systems and organisations is mediated through individuals.

Ambassador Tay has considerable experience in Southeast Asia and of regional multilateral fora, thanks to his involvement with ASEAN. From 1999 to 2002, he was the Director-General of ASEAN-Singapore, which placed him at the centre of the ASEAN policy-implementation and budgetary processes. During Singapore's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 1998-1999, he was the chief coordinator for the ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and the Summit.

Other regional postings include his time at the Singapore Embassies in Tokyo, Japan (1995-1998) and in Seoul, Korea (1989-1992): during the latter posting, his first overseas, he was tasked with establishing the first Singapore Embassy in Korea.

His various stints in the Singapore HQ of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have given him exposure to the entire gamut of issues and concerns relating to the region and to the wider global community, including the US, East Asia, Latin America, Europe.

In 2006, Ambassador Tay was awarded the Singapore Public Administration Medal (Silver) and bestowed with the honour of "Patron of Art of the Century" by a foremost Russian foundation.

Ambassador Tay holds Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) (Hons) and Master of Arts (Philosophy) degrees from the National University of Singapore.

Past Executive Director [2008]
AMBASSADOR JUAN CARLOS CAPUNAY
[Peru]



Ambassador Capunay was born in 1948 and is an economic graduate from the National University of San Marcos. He has received official decorations from Japan, Korea and Chile.

His professional career is as follows:

2008	Ambassador, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
2007	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
2003-2007	Ambassador, Director General of APEC Division, Senior Official of Peru in APEC Under Secretariat for Asia and Pacific Basin Affairs
1998-2003	Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Peru to Singapore, and concurrent Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Peru to Brunei
1997-1998	Minister, Charge D'Affaires of Peru to Singapore
1994-1997	Minister of the Embassy of Peru to The People's Republic of China
1991-1994	Minister of the Embassy of Peru to Japan and Alternate Representative to The International Organization for Tropical Woods
1986-1991	Minister Counsellor, Alternate Representative of Peru to The Organization of American States
1983-1986	Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Peru to The Organization of American States
1982-1983	First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Peru to The Organization of American States
1979-1982	First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Peru to The United Nations
1976-1979	Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Peru to The United Nations
1976	Second Secretary of the Embassy of Peru to Japan
1973-1976	Third Secretary of the Embassy of Peru to Japan
1972	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru

Past Executive Director [2007]
AMBASSADOR COLIN S. HESELTINE
[AUSTRALIA]



Ambassador Heseltine was born in 1947 and holds a Bachelor of Economics with honours from Monash University in Australia.

His professional career is as follows:

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| 2007 | Ambassador, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat |
| 2006 | Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat |
| 2001 - 2005 | Ambassador, Australian Embassy, Seoul |
| 1998 - 2001 | First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade |
| 1997 - 1998 | Assistant Secretary, Maritime South East Asia Branch (covering Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines), Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade |
| 1992 - 1997 | Representative (Head of Mission), Australian Commerce and Industry Office, Taipei |
| 1988 - 1992 | Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Beijing |
| 1985 - 1987 | Director, China Investment Project, Department of Industry, Technology and Resources, Victorian Government, Australia. |
| 1982 - 1985 | Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Beijing |
| 1981 - 1982 | Chinese language training (Canberra College of Advanced Education and Chinese University, Hong Kong) |
| 1975 - 1980 | Overseas posting to Madrid |
| 1970 - 1975 | Overseas posting to Santiago (de Chile) |
| 1969 | Joined the Department of External Affairs, Canberra |

He is married to Mary Louise Heseltine. They have two daughters.

Past Executive Director [2006]
AMBASSADOR TRAN TRONG TOAN
[Viet Nam]



Ambassador Toan was born in Thanh Hoa in 1952 and holds a Master of Arts in International Relations.

His professional career is as follows:

2006	Ambassador, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
2005	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
2003 - 2004	Director General, Foreign Minister's Advisory Board, then Director General, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2000 - 2003	Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, to Malaysia.
1999	Viet Nam Senior Official to APEC
1996 -2000	Director General, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vice Chairman, Vietnam National Committee for the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
1992-1995	Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Viet Nam, New Delhi, India
1990 -1992	Acting Director General, South Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1984 -1989	Official, Foreign Ministry's Secretariat and Assistant Director, Foreign Ministry's Secretariat
1980 -1983	Official, Embassy of Viet Nam, New Delhi, India
1975 -1980	Official, South Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam

He is married to Le Thi Lai . They have one daughter.

Past Executive Director [2005]
AMBASSADOR CHOI SEOK YOUNG
[Korea]



Ambassador Choi was born in Kangleung, Korea in 1955.

He was educated at the Seoul National University (BA), the University of Heidelberg in Germany and the Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management (MBA).

After joining the Korean Foreign Ministry in 1979, he served various postings in Korean Embassies in Kenya, Germany, and in Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. He has been involved in multilateral diplomacy in the fields of trade, the environment and economic affairs, and has acted as a representative of the Korean Government for a number of UN, WTO, APEC and other multilateral organizations organized and sponsored conferences.

He chaired various UN related meetings including the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, and also served as adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly in 2001 in economic and social fields. During 2002-2003, he served as Korea's Deputy Senior Official to APEC and as the Korean Representative to the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment while holding the position of the Convenor of the Group on Services of APEC. He was Deputy Executive Director of APEC Secretariat in 2004 and is, as of 1st January 2005, the 13th APEC Secretariat Executive Director

He is an author of numerous articles particularly in the fields of trade and environment as well as the climate change negotiations. He has written articles on APEC, and his most recent publication is "Revisiting the Open Regionalism of APEC" published by KIEP (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy) in September 2004.

He is married to Kim Young In. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

Past Executive Director [2004]
AMBASSADOR MARIO ARTAZA
[Chile]



Ambassador Artaza was born in 1937. He was educated at University of Chile, University of Virginia and American University in the USA.

His professional career is as follows:

1955 - 1959	Law School, University of Chile
1962	Master in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
1965 - 68	PhD. Cand. School of International Service, American University
1958	Entered the Foreign Service
1958 - 1959	Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1960 – 1961 & 1963	Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
1964 – 1967	Third and Second Secretary, Embassy of Chile in Washington, D.C.
1968 - 1969	Assigned to the Chilean Delegation to the O.A.S. as Second and First Secretary
1963 - 69	Member of the Chilean Delegation to the U.N. General Assembly. Chilean representative to International meetings in Rio de Janeiro, Panama, Maracay and San Jose de Costa Rica
1970	Sabbatical year, Institute of Political Sciences, Catholic University of Chile, as Director and Professor of International Politics and International Organizations
1970	Returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Head to the U.N. Department
1971 – Aug 1973	Counselor, Embassy of Chile in Lima, Peru
1 – 13 Sep 1973 Dec 1973	Charge d' Affaires, a.i. Embassy of Chile, Washington, D.C. His diplomatic career was interrupted
Jan – Jun 1974	Visiting Professor, University of the Pacific, California
Jun – Sep 1974	Visiting Fellow Overseas Development Council, Washington, D.C.
1974 - 1990	The World Bank, Washington, D.C, Country Officer for Pakistan for six

years, and for Argentina and Paraguay for another six years.

1987 - 1990	Senior Operations Officer for Latin America. Also headed a number of missions to those countries.
June 1990	Reinstated by the Government as member of the Foreign Service and sent to Geneva as Ambassador, Alternate Representative to the International Organizations.
Sep 1992	Director of Multilateral Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Mar 1994	Director of the Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Participated as Chilean Delegate to international meetings in Buenos Aires, Brasilia, Caracas, Tehran, Cartagena de Indias, Roma, Bahia, Bandung and New York. Also sent on Missions to Bonn, London, Tunisia and the Gaza Strip.
1993 - 1995	Professor of the post-graduate course on International Organizations at the Institute of International Studies, University of Chile. During this period, also professor of the Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy.
1994 - 1995	Foreign Minister's representative in the Board of Directors of the International Agency for Cooperation and Development (AGCI).
1996 - 1999	Ambassador of Chile to the United Kingdom
Sep 1999 – Mar 2000	Ambassador of Chile to the United States
Apr 2000 – Sep 2002	Director General of Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. National Coordinator Rio Group and Iberoamerican Summit Meetings
2003	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
2004	Ambassador, Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

He is married to Anita Valsasnini. They have three children.

Joint author of two books: "Overall Development of Chile", University of Notre Dame, 1967 (Mario Zanartu, compiler); and "American 70", Catholic University of Chile, 1970 (Alberto Naudon, compiler).

Past Executive Director [2003]
AMBASSADOR PIAMSAK MILINTACHINDA
[Thailand]



Ambassador Piamsak was born in 1950 in Bangkok, Thailand. He was educated at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand and Wayne State University in the USA.

His professional career is as follows:

1977-1980	Attache, Department of Economic Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
1981 – 1984	Second Secretary Royal Thai Embassy, Singapore
1985 – 1987	First Secretary, Department of ASEAN Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
1988 - 1991	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations, New York
1992 - 1994	Director, North American Division Department of American and South Pacific Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
1995 – 1999	Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Thailand to the World Trade Organization, Geneva
1999	Deputy Director-General, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
2000 – 2001	Deputy Director-General, Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
2002	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
1 January 2003	Ambassador, Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

He is married to Tarptip. They have two sons.

Past Executive Director [2002]
Ambassador Alejandro de la Peña Navarrete
[Mexico]



Ambassador de la Peña was born in 1951 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He was educated at the Institute des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva, Switzerland.

His professional career is as follows:

1977-1979	Deputy Economic Counsellor Geneva, Switzerland
1980 – 1981	Chief of Staff to the Director General of International Trade Negotiations Mexico
1982 – Mar 1983	Economic Counsellor Washington, D.C., USA
Apr 1983 – Mar 1985	Director of the Area for the Defence of Exports and for Trade Affairs with North America Mexico
Aug 1985 – 1986	Economic Counsellor Brussels, Belgium
1987 – Oct 1992	Minister Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Geneva, Switzerland
Nov 1992 – Nov 1993	Minister Representative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Promotion (SECOFI) to the European Communities Brussels, Belgium
Dec 1993 – Apr 2001	Ambassador Permanent Representative of Mexico to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Geneva, Switzerland
May 2001	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
1 Jan 2002	Ambassador, Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

He is married to Lujan Gimenez. They have two sons, Mixtli and Augusto.

Past Executive Director [2001]
AMBASSADOR ZHANG YAN
[CHINA]



Ambassador Zhang Yan was born on 3 November 1950 in China.

His professional career is as follows:

1978-1983	Attache Chinese Embassy in Liberia
1983-1990	Attache, Deputy Director, Director Department of International Organizations and Conferences Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1992	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of PRC to UN in Geneva
1992-1995	First Secretary, Counsellor Permanent Mission of PRC to UN in New York
1995-1996	Counsellor Department of International Organizations and Conferences Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1996-Mar 1998	Director General Foreign Affairs Office, Yunnan Province
Mar 1998- Aug 1998	Counsellor Department of International Organizations and Conferences Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Aug 1998- Dec 1999	Ambassador & APEC Senior Official People's Republic of China
4 Jan 2000	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
1 Jan 2001	Ambassador, Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

Ambassador Zhang Yan is married to Chen Wangxia. They have a daughter.

Past Executive Director [2000]

AMBASSADOR SERBINI ALI
[BRUNEI DARUSSALAM]



Ambassador Serbini Ali was born on 10 April 1955 in Brunei Darussalam.

His professional career is as follows:

1980-1982	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Darussalam
1982-1984	Second Secretary, Brunei High Commission, Singapore
1984-1985	First Secretary, Brunei Embassy, Bangkok
1985-1986	Assistant Director, Protocol & Consular Affairs Department, Brunei Darussalam
1986-1989	Deputy Director, Protocol & Consular Affairs Department, Brunei Darussalam
1989-1992	First Secretary, Brunei Embassy, Tokyo
1992-1996	Deputy Director, Economic Affairs Department, Brunei Darussalam
1996-1997	Director of Politics (Asia & Pacific Affairs) Brunei Darussalam
1997-1998	Director of Multilateral Economics Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Darussalam
4 January 1999	Ambassador, Deputy Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat
1 January 2000	Ambassador, Executive Director Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

Activities:

- Attended Foreign Service Training in Canberra, Australia in 1981.
- Attended as members of Brunei delegations various international and regional meetings: Coordinators Meeting of Non Aligned Movement, Ministerial level Meeting of Organisation of Islamic Conference., Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Ministerial and Leaders). Asia Europe Meetings and Asean Meetings (Senior officials, Foreign Ministers and Summits).
- Attended various symposiums and seminars including ASEAN ISIS, World Trade Organisation seminars, ASEAN Korea Committee for the 21st Century (Korea) and Asia Europe Young Leaders Symposium (Baden, Austria).

Ambassador Serbini Ali is married to Rafiah Mohd Ariff. They have four children.

Past Executive Director [1999]
AMBASSADOR TIMOTHY JAMES HANNAH
[New Zealand]



Ambassador Hannah, born in 1939, was educated in Malaysia, New Zealand and at Cambridge University (MA in Economics). He joined the New Zealand Foreign Service in 1962.

Assignments in Wellington have included Directorship of the European and Management Services Divisions, secondments to Treasury, the Department of Trade and Industry and National Development Council.

Overseas, he has served in Paris, Brussels and Bangkok as well as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, High Commissioner in Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Malaysia.

His spouse Mary Hannah and he has two children.

Past Executive Director [1998]
AMBASSADOR DATO' NOOR ADLAN
[Malaysia]



Dato' Noor Adlan was born on 28 December 1939 in Perak, Malaysia. His professional career is as follows:

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| 1963-1965 | Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia |
| 1965-1967 | Second Secretary, Embassy of Malaysia, Addis Ababa |
| 1967-1971 | First Secretary and then Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York |
| 1971-1973 | Principal Assistant Secretary (Political) and then Under-Secretary (Administration and Finance), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia |
| 1974-1976 | Deputy High Commissioner High Commission of Malaysia, Australia |
| 1976 | Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, Geneva |
| 1976-1979 | Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, Geneva |
| 1979-1982 | Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Korea |
| 1982-1983 | Ambassador of Malaysia to Saudi Arabia and concurrently accredited to the Kingdom of Jordan |
| 1983-1986 | Deputy Secretary-General for Economic Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia |
| 1986-1990 | Ambassador of Malaysia to the European Economic Community, Belgium and concurrently accredited to Luxembourg |
| 1990-July 1995 | Ambassador of Malaysia to the People's Republic of China and concurrently accredited to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea |
| 30 August 1995-1997 | Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of the Philippines |

Attended several international conferences and meetings including the:

UN Negotiations on International Commodity Agreements, 1976;
Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation amongst Developing Countries, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) V at Manila, 1979;
1985 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at Nassau and the ASEAN/EEC Foreign Ministers Meeting in Jakarta in 1986 and Dusseldorf in 1988;
Was also Head of Malaysia's delegation to the negotiations on the Common Fund on Commodities and the 1988 Non-Aligned Ministerial Meeting on Economic Cooperation in Harare.

Dato' Noor Adlan is married to Datin Jamilah Nidzrah bt. Bahauddin. They have two children.

Past Executive Director [1997]
AMBASSADOR JACK A. WHITTLETON
[Canada]



Jack Whittleton, born in Regina, graduated from San Francisco State College with a B.A. in International Relations in 1961, and followed post-graduate studies in Political Science at the University of Oregon in 1962. His professional career is as follows:

- 1963 Joined External Affairs and International Trade Canada
- 1964 Posted to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania as Third Secretary
- 1966 Posted to Tel Aviv, Israel as Second Secretary
- 1969 Worked in the Commonwealth and Caribbean Divisions, in Ottawa
- 1973 Posted as First Secretary/Counsellor to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1975 Returned to Ottawa as Deputy Director, United States Division
- 1976 Transferred to North Asia and Pacific Division as Director
- 1982 Posted to Tokyo, Japan as Minister
- 1986 Posted to Jakarta, Indonesia as Ambassador
- Oct 1989 Returned to Ottawa as Director General, Trade and Foreign Policy Communications
- Jan 1994 Assigned as Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau

Married to Yukie Whittleton. They have two children - Lisa, age 10 and Kasey, age 9.

Past Executive Director [1996]
AMBASSADOR ARMANDO Q. MADAMBA
[Philippines]



Ambassador Madamba retired from the Armed Forces of the Philippines in November 1994 from his post as The Deputy Chief of Staff and in the rank of Vice Admiral.

He graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a regular commission with the Philippine Navy.

He served in various shipboard billets and staff duties up to 1969 when he left for graduate studies in the United States where he obtained the degrees of Master in International Affairs (1970) and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (1971) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Massachusetts. He specialized in development economics, comparative politics, and international organizations and legal systems.

After years of service in the field in Southern Philippines, he was assigned as Attache (Political Affairs) at the Philippine Embassy in Tehran, Iran, from 1975 to 1980. Between 1981 and 1986 he was Chief of Personnel (N1), Philippine Navy, and from 1986 to 1987 he was Commander, Naval Intelligence and Security Force and concurrently Chief of Intelligence (N2), Philippine Navy.

In 1987 to 1988 he attended the Naval Command College course for Senior International Officers at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Soon after his return to Manila, he was designated as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans (J5) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He was promoted to his last post as the third highest in the Philippine military in August 1993.

Ambassador Madamba, in more than three decades with his Armed Forces, received numerous awards and decorations, to include the following:

Distinguished Conduct Star,
Distinguished Service Star (6),
Philippine Legion of Honor (2),
Outstanding Achievement Medal,
Navy Distinguished Cross and,
from the PMA Alumni Association, the Cavalier Award in 1991.

Ambassador Madamba is married to the former Alma Lloren of Baguio City, Philippines. They have two daughters, Michelle and Pamela.

In 1995 Ambassador Madamba was seconded to the APEC Secretariat in Singapore as the Deputy Executive Director, and as the Executive Director for 1996.

Past Executive Director [1995]
AMBASSADOR SHOJIRO IMANISHI
[Japan]



Mr. Imanishi was born on 15 August 1940 in Kyoto City, Japan. After graduation from Kyoto University, Department of Law, he entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1964. His professional career is as follows:

- 1964-1966 Special student at Dartmouth College, USA
- 1966-1968 Vice-Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in New York, USA
- 1968-1970 Official, OECD Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1970-1974 Deputy-Director, Second Western Europe Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1974-1976 First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Bangladesh
- 1976-1978 First Secretary, Japan's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (New York)
- 1978-1979 Deputy-Director, United Nations Political Affairs Div, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1979-1980 Director, United Nations Specialized Agencies Div, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1980-1981 Director, Development Cooperation Div, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1981-1983 Director, Second Defense Operation Div, Japan Defence Agency
- 1983-1985 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, United Kingdom
- 1985-1988 Minister, Embassy of Japan, Israel
- 1988-1991 Director, International Cooperation Department, National Institute for Research Advancement
- 1991-1993 Consul-General of Japan in Houston, USA
- 1994 Ambassador; Deputy Executive Director, APEC
- 1995 Executive Director, APEC

Mr. Imanishi is married and has a teenage son (the family is in Tokyo).

Past Executive Director [1994]
AMBASSADOR RUSLI NOOR
[Indonesia]



Ambassador Rusli Noor was born in Bandung on 1 May 1927 and earned an MA in Political Science from Columbia University in New York City.

Mr Rusli joined government service in 1950. Two years later he was posted to the Indonesia Embassy in London as Assistant to the Commercial Counselor and later as Administrative Officer in the Economic Sector. He served as Trade Attache in Moscow from 1954 to 1956, before returning to the Foreign Ministry in Jakarta to join the staff of the foreign minister.

In 1965, Mr Rusli was transferred to the Hague to be Economic Counselor. After a tour as Director for Investment and Financial Cooperation in Jakarta he returned to the Indonesian Embassy in the Hague as Charge d'Affairs.

In 1974, he was appointed his nation's ambassador to Denmark and Norway. Ambassador Rusli served as Director General for Foreign Economic, Social and Cultural Relations in the Foreign Ministry 1978-83. He was posted as ambassador to Brussels from 1983 to 1986, when he returned to Jakarta to be Director General for Foreign Economic Relations in the Foreign Ministry from 1986 to 1988.

Ambassador Rusli was the Secretary General of the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta from 1988 to 1992.

Past Executive Director [1993]
AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BODDE, JR
[United States of America]



Ambassador William Bodde, Jr., entered the Foreign Service in 1962. His foreign postings until 1977 were in Europe. They included Vienna, Stockholm, Berlin, and Bonn. In 1978 he became the first director of Pacific Islands Affairs in the Department of State. Besides his responsibility for formulating policy toward the south Pacific island nations he served as the senior department representative to the Micronesian Political Status Negotiations.

In 1980 he was named Ambassador to Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu and Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Kiribati by President Carter. He left Fiji in 1982 to take up his duties as the first diplomat in residence at the East West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. During that period he traveled to Japan, Thailand, India and Nepal.

He returned to Europe in 1983 when he was assigned as Consul General in Frankfurt, the Federal Republic of Germany. As Consul General at American's largest consulate general he was particularly active in promoting trade and investment in the German financial center. In 1986 he returned to Washington when he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs. He left his position in 1989 to become Dean of the Senior Seminar, the highest level executive training program in the United States Government. A year later in 1990, President Bush named him Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He returned to Washington in the summer of 1992 where he served as Senior Advisor for policy planning in the State Department Bureau of Oceans, International Environment and Science Affairs. Ambassador Bodde, was named the Executive Director of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat in 1993. The APEC Secretariat is located in Singapore.

William Bodde, Jr. was born November 27, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York. He received BA in 1961 from Hofstra College and a M.P.P.A. in 1967 from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-54. He is married to the former Ingrid Oberle of Worms, Germany. They have two sons and a daughter. Both the sons are also in the United States Foreign Service.