





## JAPAN NOW Lecture Series







## Japan-China Relations: An Overview

Mr. Yasunori Nakayama Consul General of Japan in Toronto

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Japan-China relations is one of the most important bilateral relations for Japan, and China's constructive role is indispensable to the stability and prosperity of the Asia Pacific region. In this presentation, Consul General of Japan Yasunori Nakayama gives an overview of the past and the present of Japan-China relations, how the Japanese and Chinese regard each other, the two countries' economic ties, and pending concerns. He also illustrates the importance of Japan's cooperation and exchange with China from the perspective of the so-called "mutually beneficial relationship based on common strategic interest."

**Mr. Yasunori Nakayama** assumed the post of Consul General of Japan in Toronto on September 8, 2014. He joined Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs 33 years ago, and has since experienced postings abroad in the UK, Germany, Indonesia, Belgium, the Philippines, and Switzerland.

Some of his other positions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo include Principal Senior Coordinator in the Policy Coordination Division (Foreign Policy Bureau), Counsellor in the Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office), and Director of the Foreign Nationals' Affairs Division in the Consular Affairs Bureau.

Mr. Nakayama graduated from the Faculty of Law at Tokyo University. Just prior to coming to Toronto, he served as the Deputy Director-General for International Trade Policy, working in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to engage in trade negotiations and assist Japanese companies in their overseas activities.

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