

Mr. Taku Yamabe

Senior Representative, JICA, Dhaka.

Session Title: Era of Infrastructure : Bangladesh Context

Mr. Taku Yamabe is Senior Representative of Bangladesh Office of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

He joined the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), the then implementing agency of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan, in 1993, starting his career by dealing with infrastructure projects in African countries.

After then, he deepened his knowledge of infrastructure by handling many projects as economist or project officer in various sectors such as transport, power and water and various regions such as South Asia, Central Asia, Middle East and East Europe.

He served from 1999 to 2001 as Representative in London of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), which was established in 1999 by integrating OECF and the Export-Import Bank of Japan. He supervised JBIC's operation in Africa, fund raising by issuing bonds and strategic coordination with multilateral development bank and other development agencies.

From 2007 to 2010 he held the position of Director for project evaluation in JBIC and thereafter JICA which was reorganized in 2008 by merging all the modalities of Japan's ODA, namely technical cooperation, ODA loan, grant aid and volunteers. He superintended post-evaluation on all Japan's ODA loan projects.

He was also assigned to the departments in charge of strategic planning and personnel affairs where he coped with, among other things, the development of new ODA financial products of JBIC and the reform of personnel systems of JICA to enhance their organizational strength and efficiency.

Immediately before taking the current assignment, he was Senior Advisor to Director General of Credit Risk Analysis Department. He superintended macroeconomic monitoring and credit risk rating on all JICA's partner countries. He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from University of Tokyo and master's degree in development economics from University of Oxford.