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Re: **New Consul General of Japan, Masashiro Omura, arrives in Seattle**

Seattle, Washington----Mr. Masahiro Omura arrived in Seattle on August 9, 2013 to assume the post of **Consul General of Japan in Seattle**. Prior to this, he was Deputy Director General of the National Institute of Public Administration, National Personnel Authority, for the Government of Japan since September 2011.

"I am eager to begin my new assignment as Japan's representative to Washington, Montana and Northern Idaho. My paramount duty is continuing our close relationship as we endeavor to deepen the existing strong ties between the U.S. and Japan. I anticipate many opportunities for collaboration with the people and the communities in this region during my tenure," Omura said.

Consul General Omura's career includes postings as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Japanese Embassy in Kenya, the Minister of the Japanese Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, the Head of the TICAD II Preparation Office, and in the OECD. In addition to a long history of international and public service, Mr. Omura has also worked in academia, producing a number of research publications on trade, demography and immigration, as well as on the Chinese economy.

Consul General Omura graduated with a MA in International Relations from Yale University Graduate School and a BA in Public Law from the University of Tokyo.

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