



# Masatsugu Odaira

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Mr. Masatsugu Odaira, Minister of Public Affairs at the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America, assumed his present position in September 2025.

Minister Odaira joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998 after graduating from Tokyo University's Faculty of Law, and has since served mainly in the areas of China affairs and International Law. He most recently served as Director of the First China and Mongolia Division (2024-25) and as Director of the International Legal Affairs Division (2021-24).

Minister Odaira has also worked in Japan-US affairs, in both economic and security matters, serving in the North American Affairs Bureau (2008-10, 2012-13). Additionally, while serving as Deputy Director in the National Security Secretariat (2014), he worked on legal issues in Japanese security policy regarding the Japanese Constitution in the context of the Right of Self-Defense.

Minister Odaira has served as Executive Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (2010-12) and to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs (2018-21). He has also served abroad in China as Counselor (Political Section) of the Embassy of Japan in the People's Republic of China (2014-17).