

distinguished guest.

Monday, 23rd May, 2016, 5.00 – 6.30 p.m., MCI Aula, Universitaetsstrasse 15, 3rd floor

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H.E. MASAFUMI ISHII

Ambassador of Japan to Belgium, Public Diplomacy & NATO, Brussels

His Excellency Masafumi Ishii joined Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980. Throughout his 35 year career, he has been deeply involved in policy planning and security policy fields among others.

In his first posting in Washington DC in mid-1990's, he was behind the efforts of redefining the meaning of Japan-US alliance after the end of the Cold War. His second posting in DC in the 2008 presidential campaign connected him to inter-rocketors of both Democratic and Republican camps for coordinating policy priorities with the new US administration.

Since 2009, as the Ambassador in charge of policy planning stationed in Tokyo, Masafumi Ishii has established himself as a frequent participant and panelists in major conferences in Europe and the USA, such as Brussels Forum, Chatham House, Wilton Park etc.

Before his mission in Brussels, he was Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he was in the core group for preparing series of new security policies, including establishing the National Security Strategy and finalizing the historic cabinet decision for changing the interpretation of Constitution.

Since September 2014, he has been posted in Brussels as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Belgium and is concurrently Representative of the Government of Japan to NATO. He is also appointed as the Ambassador in charge of Public Diplomacy in Europe.

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