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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN TO THE OECD

Ambassador Yoshiyasu Sato has just taken up his post as Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD. He succeeds Ambassador Hiroaki Fujii who has been appointed Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Born in 1934, Mr. Sato graduated in law from the University of Hitotsubashi.

After entering the Foreign Service in 1958, he was appointed First Secretary at the Embassy in Washington in 1974, becoming Counsellor in 1975. From there he went to Hong Kong as Consul. He returned to Tokyo in 1977, and held the following posts successively: Assistant to the Director General, Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau; Director of the Northeast Asia Division. In 1978 he became Private Secretary to Prime Minister Ohira; in 1980, he was appointed special Assistant to the Director-General, Asian Affairs Bureau, and later, Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau.

In 1984 Mr. Sato returned to Washington as Minister in the Embassy, to become Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in 1986. He returned to Tokyo in 1988 as Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau and became Deputy Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1989, holding this post until his present appointment.

Ambassador Sato is married with three children.

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