

## **Profile(Honorable Guest Remarks)**

## Masafumi Ishii, Japanese Ambassador to the Indonesia

Masafumi ISHII joined Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980 and throughout his almost 40-year career, he has been deeply involved in policy planning and security policy fields among others. He is also active as a frequent participant and panelist in major conferences, such as, Brussels Forum, Chatham House, Wilton Park etc. On October 1999, he was appointed as a director for Second Southeast Asian division, MOFA. As a director who was responsible for several Southeast Asian countries including Indonesia, he frequently visited Indonesia, around the time of Asian Economic Crisis and the independence of Timor Leste. From January 2013 to July 2014, he was the Legal Advisor



of MOFA where he was in the core group for preparing series of new security policies. Before posted in Jakarta, he served as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Belgium and concurrently Representative of the Government of Japan to NATO. He was also appointed as the Ambassador in charge of Public Diplomacy in Europe. Since April 2017, he has been posted in Jakarta as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Indonesia.