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ESUJ New Year's Lecture

Middle East Today

Mitsugu Saito Former Japanese Ambassador to Islamic Republic of Iran



Happy New Year!

The world is currently undergoing significant changes not only in terms of climate change but also in the political and economic spheres. The ESUJ New Year Lecture will focus on Iran. Mr. Mitsugu Saito, a former ambassador to Iran, will talk about the current situation in Iran, Israel, and Palestine, as well as the rapidly changing situation in Syria. You may hear some behind-the-scenes information that only an ambassador could know. The session is in person. Hurry and apply!

Date: Thursday 30th January, 2025 **18:30 – 20:00**

Place: Gaimuseireikai Otemachi Club KDDI Otemachi Build 2nd Floor
1-8-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Tel. (03) 5202-8055
Direct access from Tokyo Otemachi Station C1 Exit

Admission: ¥1,000 for ESUJ Premium Members
¥2,000 for ESUJ, JSA, CCCJ Members; ¥500 for ESUJ Student Members
¥3,000 for non-members; ¥1,000 for non-member students with Student ID.

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Please apply by 26th January.

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Profile

Born in Tokyo. After graduating from Hitotsubashi University's Faculty of Social Sciences, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He studied Arabic in Cairo and specialized in modern Middle Eastern history at Oxford University. He then worked at the Japanese embassy in Saudi Arabia and Israel before taking charge of Middle Eastern relations with the Security Council at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. After serving as Director of the International Information Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister at the Embassy of Japan in the United Arab Emirates, and Cabinet Counsellor, he was appointed Minister at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand in 2012. In 2015, he was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Oman, and in 2018, he was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Iran. He retired from the diplomatic service in 2020, and in 2021, he became a part-time lecturer at Toyo Eiwa University and a commentator at the Okazaki Institute.

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