



**Junichi SUMI**

**Deputy Consul General, Consulate-General of Japan  
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Born in 1973, Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture, Japan.  
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Deputy Consul General Sumi joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1998. During his diplomatic overseas training, he acquired a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, in addition to mastering Farsi.

At the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, he has been in charge of a wide range of fields including Iran, energy and mineral security, the G7, the North American region, and the Minister's Secretariat.

He has served at diplomatic missions abroad in Iran (2000-2004), Afghanistan (2004-2006), Iraq (2010-2012), and New York (Permanent Mission to the UN, 2012-2015). Most recently, he worked in Iran for the second time (Head of the Public Information and Culture Center, Embassy of Japan in Tehran) from October 2019 to December 2022.

He has been in his current position at the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle since March 2023.