

Tadahiro Asami
BIAC Secretary General



Tadahiro Asami was named BIAC's Secretary General in January 2007. Mr. Asami is responsible for the operational leadership and management of the BIAC. This includes the representation at the OECD of the business communities of 33 member countries with regard to the full spectrum of public policy issues addressed by OECD governments and advanced by the private sector. He has previously served as the Vice Chair of the BIAC Economic Policy Committee.

Prior to coming to BIAC, he served as Managing Director of the Institute of International Monetary Affairs (IIMA) from 2000 to 2006, specializing in international financial and monetary studies. In addition to his duties at IIMA, he also served as a Member of the India-Japan Joint Study Group organised by the Japanese Government, as well as the Director of the Working Group at the Network of East Asia Think-Tanks (NEAT). During this time he lectured at universities including Kobe University, Joint Staff College of the Defense Agency, Hosei University and Teikyo University.

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Economics, Mr. Asami worked for the Bank of Tokyo (now called the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. after its merger) for 40 years, mostly in the field of international finance, based in Tokyo, London and New York. He was Managing Director from July 1996 to June 1999 in charge of the Bank's operations in Asia. He has extensive experience in the fields of capital market, project finance, corporate and emerging market finance. He dealt with the financial crises in Latin America in the 1980s and India, Mexico and Asia in the 1990s.

He was seconded to international financial institutions during his career at the bank. In 1971, he worked for the World Bank for three years as a capital market specialist to help develop the Tokyo bond market and to raise necessary funds for the World Bank. He was appointed as Treasurer of the Asian Development Bank from June 1993 to June 1996.

Mr. Asami was born in Saitama, Japan and is married with three children. He enjoys playing golf, swimming, scuba diving and mountain climbing.