

Special Adviser on Mutual Legal Assistance

Short Bio. | Mr Yoshimitsu Yamauchi



Mr Yoshimitsu Yamauchi is a Public Prosecutor in the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office in Japan, overseeing staff prosecutors in all the district public prosecutors' offices regarding organized crime and international criminal cases (since 2021). In 2018, Mr Yamauchi was appointed as the Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice of Japan in charge of international affairs and human rights as well as the Executive

Secretary of the 14th United Nations Crime Congress National Executive Committee. Before then, he acted as the Director of the International Criminal Affairs Division of the Criminal Affairs Bureau of the Ministry (2015-2018), which serves as the Central Authority for mutual legal assistance (MLA).

Appointed public prosecutor in 1995, Mr Yamauchi has extensive experience as a practitioner in the field of criminal justice and international cooperation. His notable achievements include conducting investigations and prosecution of prominent foreign bribery cases involving several Asian countries, as a lead prosecutor. Mr Yamauchi has worked as a government attorney for international criminal affairs for two decades, leading the negotiations of bilateral MLA treaties and handling countless cases involving MLA with a large number of countries. He has also represented the Ministry of Justice of Japan and played a significant role in various international conferences on MLA, such as those organized by the Working Group on Bribery

of the OECD as well as the Financial Action Task Force, G7 Roma-Lyon Group, the Council of Europe and the United Nations, and has engaged in countless dialogues and intensive discussions with a wide range of countries.

