

Ambassador Toshiyuki Onuma was appointed as the Permanent Representative of Japan on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 8 January 2025. Prior to this, he served as the Alternate Representative in 2024. His earlier tenure at the Legal Bureau spanned from 2001 to 2003.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, he held a number of positions at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan including: Senior Deputy Director-General for the Civil Aviation Bureau (CAB) (2023); Assistant Vice-Minister for International Aviation, Minister's Secretariat (2022); Director, Budget and Account Division, Minister's Secretariat (2021); Director, International Air Transport Division, CAB (2018); and Director, Aviation Industries Division, CAB (2016).

Through these assignments, he has continuously covered various policy issues in relation to the airline businesses and de-carbonization issues. Moreover, he has been engaged in bilateral air talks between JCAB and the civil aviation authorities of various States, enhancing cooperation in the field of civil aviation between Japan, other States and ICAO.

Ambassador Onuma holds a Bachelor of Law (L.L.B) from the University of Tokyo (1992); a Master's in law (LL.M) (1998) as well as a Master's in Comparative Law (LL.C.M) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, USA (1999). He is a member of New York State Bar, and currently serves as a Visiting Professor, teaching Aviation Policy at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo.

Additionally, he is an accomplished cellist, having played since the age of five. He speaks Japanese, English and basic French.