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Nomination of Mr. ONUMA Toshiyuki as a candidate for the election of the next Council President of the ICAO

1. The Government of Japan has decided to nominate Mr. ONUMA Toshiyuki, Senior Deputy Director-General of the Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), as a candidate for the next Council President of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the election at the ICAO Council Meeting to be held in November 2025.
2. Since joining the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) in 1992, Mr. ONUMA has led policy coordination on various areas of aviation, including bilateral air talks, decarbonization and air navigation services, both in Japan and in the international arena. He also has two years of experience working in the ICAO Legal Bureau since 2001.
3. Mr. ONUMA's extensive experience and leadership to date have been highly evaluated by the international community, and Japan believes that he is the most relevant candidate for the next Council President of ICAO, which was established aiming for the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation. Japan will make best efforts to obtain supports from other countries for Mr. ONUMA's successful election.

Attachment: Curriculum Vitae of Mr. ONUMA Toshiyuki (PDF)

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ONUMA Toshiyuki

Candidate of Japan
for the election of the next President
of the ICAO Council



Senior Deputy Director-General of
the Civil Aviation Bureau (CAB),
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
Alternate Representative of Japan on the Council of ICAO

Mr. ONUMA has dedicated most of his career in the field of aviation and his expertise continues evolving. With his practical experience in the field, backed by a strong legal knowledge, Mr. Onuma will surely lead the ICAO to be transformed into a more sustainable and future-oriented organization.

Participation of International Conferences and Meetings:

Throughout his career, Mr. Onuma has dedicated himself especially to the following three challenges - promoting decarbonization, enhancing aviation safety and air navigation services, and accelerating legislation in aviation. His firm commitment, excellent coordinating and negotiating skills made him earn the trust from all stakeholders.

- Decarbonization

As a Senior Deputy DG of the Civil Aviation Bureau (CAB), Mr. Onuma has been leading Japan's policymaking for contributing to the achievement of ICAO's aspirational goal. He also played a prominent role in accelerating Japan's agreement on the CAAF/3.

- Safety and Air Navigation

As a pivotal figure in CAB, Mr. Onuma has been actively involved in institutionalizations of various air navigation and aviation safety issues that ICAO has been advocating. Recently, he has been leading the discussions on the realization of advanced air mobility in his home country. Furthermore, he is currently overseeing the overall response of CAB in light of the accident which took place in January 2024 to further improve the aviation safety.

- Legislation in Aviation

Mr. Onuma led the domestic legislation toward Japan's ratification of the 1999 Montreal Convention. Furthermore, while serving in Legal Bureau of ICAO, he was engaged in the ICAO's internal discussion on the 2001 Cape Town Convention. His aspiration for contributing to a better international aviation goes beyond a traditional framework: Mr. Onuma was also involved in the domestic legislation on the marine environment corresponding to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea that shares common issues with the international aviation.

Activities at ICAO

2024- Alternate Representative of Japan on the Council of ICAO

As the Japanese Delegate

Speaker at Changi Aviation Summit (2024)

Speaker at ICAO Air Law Treaty Workshop (2023)

Head of Delegate at CAAF/3 (2023)

Moderator at CALAF/2 (2023)

Alternate Chief Delegate at 40th and 41st ICAO Assembly meeting (2019, 2022)

Legal Committee Meetings

Professional experiences:

2023 Senior Deputy DG, CAB, MLIT

2022 Assistant Vice-Minister for International Aviation, Minister's Secretariat

2021 Director, Budget and Account Division

2018 Director, International Air Transport Division, Aviation Network Department, CAB

2016 Director, Aviation Industries Division, Aviation Network Dept., CAB

2009- Various posts as Director, MLIT and Cabinet Office

2003- Various posts as Deputy Director, MLIT

2001-2003 Legal Officer, Legal Bureau, ICAO

1992 Joined MLIT

Personal Information

Education and Academic Profession:

1992 L.L.B., Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo

1998 LL.M. and 1999 LL.C.M., University of Pennsylvania Law School, USA

1999 Admitted to the New York State Bar, USA

2022- Visiting Researcher at the Research Institute, Faculty of Law, Nihon University

2018-2020 Lectures at The University of Tokyo and Hitotsubashi University, Japan

Publications:

- "Research and Study of the Historical Transition and Essential Elements of the Bilateral Consultations between the Aeronautical Authorities of Japan and other States" (co-author), *Nihon Hogaku Journal of Law*, Vol.89, No.1/2, September 2023,
- "Impact of President Trump's 'Travel Ban': From the Perspective of Japanese Aviation Authorities and the Japanese Airline Industry" (co-author), *America-ho*, 2019-2, August 2020
- "The Future Regulatory Scheme of the International Civil Aviation Industry", *World Bulletin*, Vol.14, Non.1-2, April 1998
- "Perspective of Aviation and Airport Policy" (in Japanese) (co-author), *Chuokeizai-sha*, May 2021
- Aviation Law (in Japanese) (co-author), *Shinzan-sha*, February 2025 (to be published)

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