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**Ms Tanja Jääskeläinen is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland to Japan since September 2022 and to Palau since February 2023.**

Prior to her current position she served as Deputy Director General of Political Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2018-2022) covering Finland's foreign and security policy in general as well as a wide range of global political and security issues and international organizations.

Ms Jääskeläinen has also a lot of experience from the Middle East and North Africa regions having served as Special Representative to Syria Crisis (2017-2018) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland to Tunisia and Libya (2013-2017) and previously as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in Damascus (2001-2003).

Her two postings in Europe acquainted her also with European Affairs. She has served first at the Embassy in Budapest (1996-2000) and later as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission in London (2009-2013). She has worked for the Finnish Foreign Ministry since 1995 including two years as Senior Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (2007-2009).

Ms Jääskeläinen graduated from Tampere University in 1993 with both Master of Political Science and Master of Philosophy. She is married and has 3 adult children. In her freetime she enjoys swimming, running and reading.

