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Mr Arto Haapea is the Ambassador of Finland to Australia and New Zealand Aotearoa. Prior to this position, he was Director of the Unit for East and Southeast Asia and Oceania at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (2020–2024), covering Finland’s bilateral relations with 29 countries (incl. China) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

He served previously as Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in New Delhi, and as Deputy Director and Team Leader for East Asia.

Mr Haapea has also served as Political Counsellor and Senior Adviser to the Ambassador of the European Union to the People’s Republic and China and Mongolia at the EU Delegation in Beijing. Prior to that, he was Deputy Consul General of Finland in Shanghai.

Since joining the Finnish MFA, Mr. Haapea has also served as Legal Adviser at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, at the Embassy in The Hague, and as Deputy Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development and European Affairs.

Before his diplomatic career, Mr. Haapea worked as Publishing Manager at Edita Publishing Plc. He holds a Master’s degree in Law from the University in Helsinki.

Mr. Haapea’s hobbies and interests include running, scuba diving and classical music.

