

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Minister's Secretariat

(Organization)

Management and Coordination Division
Personnel Division
Information and Communications Division
Financial Affairs Division
Overseas Establishments Division
Public Diplomacy Strategy Division
Press Division
Cultural Affairs and Overseas Public Relations Division
Assistant Chief of Protocol/ Director of Protocol office
Assistant Press Secretary/ Director, International Press Division

(Functions)

The Minister's Secretariat takes charge of overall coordination and administration under the Ministry and other ordinary functions of the Minister's Secretariat.

The functions relating to public diplomacy consist of the following: information and knowledge dissemination in Japan concerning the international situation and diplomatic policies; overseas dissemination of information on Japan's domestic situation and diplomatic and foreign policies as well as information and data collection necessary to fulfill the above functions; implementation of international agreements to promote cultural exchange; cooperation with international cultural organizations, and; presenting Japanese culture abroad and promoting cultural exchanges with foreign countries.

Foreign Policy Bureau

(Organization)

Policy Coordination Division
National Security Policy Division
United Nations Planning and Administration Division
United Nations Policy Division
Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division

(Functions)

The Foreign Policy Bureau takes charge of the planning of basic and middle- or long-term foreign policy from wider points of view and the coordination of policies formulated by other bureaus. Special emphasis is put on national security issues and issues related to the United Nations. The Bureau also plays a leading part in a serious emergency.

Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Science Department

(Organization)

Arms Control and Disarmament Division
Non-Proliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division

(Functions)

The Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Science Department takes charge of the following matters : arms control and disarmament; non-proliferation; nuclear energy, and; science cooperation and other scientific affairs.

Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

Regional Policy Division
Northeast Asia Division
First China and Mongolia Division
Second China and Mongolia Division
Oceania Division

(Functions)

The Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning Asian and Oceanian countries and overall coordination of the implementing of such policies; political affairs concerning Asian and Oceanian countries (including the protection of Japanese nationals and their property in these countries) and collection of necessary information as well as conducting of necessary research and surveys on them.

Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department

(Organization)

First Southeast Asia Division
Second Southeast Asia Division
Southwest Asia Division

(Functions)

The Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning the Southeast and Southwest Asian countries and overall coordination of implementing such policies, and; political affairs concerning the Southeast and Southwest Asian countries, and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

North American Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

First North America Division
Second North America Division
Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division

(Functions)

The North American Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning the North American countries and overall coordination of implementing such policies, and; political affairs concerning the North American countries and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Division
South America Division

(Functions)

The Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning the Latin American and Caribbean countries and overall coordination of implementing such policies, and; political affairs concerning the Latin American and Caribbean countries and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

European Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

European Policy Division
Western Europe Division

Central and South Eastern Europe Division

Russian Division

(Functions)

The European Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning the European countries and overall coordination of the implementing of such policies, and; political affairs concerning the European countries and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

First Middle East Division

Second Middle East Division

(Functions)

The Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning Middle Eastern and North African countries and overall coordination of implementing such policies, and; political affairs concerning Middle Eastern and North African countries and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

African Affairs Department

(Organization)

First Africa Division

Second Africa Division

(Functions)

The African Affairs Department takes charge of the following matters: planning work connected with the formulation of policies concerning Sub-Saharan African countries and overall coordination of implementing such policies, and; political affairs concerning Sub-Saharan African countries and collection of information relating to these countries as well as research and surveys on them.

Economic Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

Economic Policy Division

International Economy Division

International Trade Division

Economic Partnership Division

Economic Security Division

(Functions)

The Economic Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: protection and promotion of Japan's interests relating to foreign commerce and navigation; cooperation with international economic organizations and matters concerning treaties of commerce and navigation and other commercial and economic agreements, and; survey of the international economic situation and compilation of statistics and collection of data concerning the international economy.

International Cooperation Bureau

(Organization)

Aid Policy and Management Division

Development Assistance Policy Coordination Division

Global Issues Cooperation Division

Global Environment Division

Climate Change Division

Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief Division

Country Assistance Planning Division I

Country Assistance Planning Division II

Country Assistance Planning Division III

(Functions)

The International Cooperation Bureau takes charge of the following matters: policy formulation and implementation of Official Development Assistance; foreign policy on global issues and development cooperation with international organizations; issues related to human security and global health; foreign policy on UN and other specialized agencies concerning social and economic affairs; issues related to global environment and climate change; survey of the international economic cooperation situation and compilation of statistics and collection of data concerning international economic cooperation; issues related to the Japan International Cooperation Agency; matters concerning humanitarian assistance and enforcement of the law concerning dispatch of Japan disaster relief teams, assistance to NGO's as well as other matters relating to economic cooperation.

International Legal Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

International Legal Affairs Division

Treaties Division

Economic Treaties Division

Director, Social Treaties Division

(Functions)

The International Legal Affairs Bureau takes charge of the conclusion of treaties and other international agreements, and matters of international law and legal matters concerning foreign relations.

Consular Affairs Bureau

(Organization)

Consular Policy Division

Japanese Nationals Overseas Safety Division

Passport Division

Foreign Nationals' Affairs Division

(Functions)

The Consular Affairs Bureau takes charge of the following matters: protection of Japanese nationals and their property abroad (except matters dealt with by other bureaus); matters relating to the civil status of Japanese nationals abroad; certification of documents issued by Japanese or foreign authorities with regard to matters relating to civil status or other matters related to both Japan and a foreign country; issuance of passports and other documents necessary for travel abroad; visas; planning general diplomatic policies regarding foreign nationals residing in Japan; planning and handling of emigration affairs; assistance and protection of emigrants and promotion of emigration programmes, etc., liaison and coordination with other governmental organizations connected with emigration and supervision of the relevant function of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Director-General, Intelligence and Analysis Service

(Organization)

First Division

Second Division

Third Division

Fourth Division

(Functions)

Director-General, Intelligence and Analysis Service takes charge of the following matters: general

management of information on the international situation; general administration of research affairs; research and surveys on foreign countries (except matters under the charge of other bureaus), and; general analysis of the international situation and collection of necessary information.