**Taka Hiraishi**

**Profile:**

* Born in Tokyo on 3rd December 1944.
* B.Sc. (1966) and M.Sc. for Industrial Chemistry (1968) from Tokyo University.
* Joined Ministry of Labour (Occupational Health and Safety Department) in April 1968.
* Worked for the Cabinet Environmental Pollution Control Headquarters from June 1969.
* Moved to the newly-established Environment Agency in 1971, and worked in the fields of offensive odour, acid rain, ozone layer, hazardous wastes, ground subsistence, hazardous chemicals (Hazardous Chemicals Control Coordinator) and water pollution Water Pollution Control Division Director), till 1996, except the overseas posting shown below:
* Environment Attache (liaison with UNEP) and Second Secretary for technical co-operation (for Kenya, Uganda and Malawi) at the Embassy of Japan in Kenya (1975 – 78).
* Principal Administrator (information exchange on chemicals control), Chemicals Division, Environment Directorate, OECD Secretariat (1980 –82).
* Worked for UNEP in 1989 - 98 as (consecutively);
  + Co-ordinator of Support Measures, Programme Bureau,
  + Officer-in-Charge, Environmental Law and Institutions Centre.
  + Deputy Director for Policy Development and Inter-agency Affairs.
  + Deputy Director of Environment Programme Division,
  + Assistant Executive Director for Environmental Information and Assessment.
  + (President,. UNEP Staff Association (in 1996))
* Specially assigned Professor (Risk Management and Global Environmental Issues), Osaka University, Japan (Part-time)
* Lecturer, Gakushuin University, Japan (Part-time)

**More recently,**

* From 2002 to 2009, Special Advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Japan. (on OECD sustainable development activities, Part-time)
* **Till 2016: Senior Consultant, and Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan** (Part-time),
* **Till 2015: Member, IPCC Bureau, and Co-chair, IPCC Inventories Task Force Bureau**
  + Lecturer, Sophia University, Japan (Part-time)
  + Lecturer, Kyoto University, Japan (Part-time)
  + Lecturer, Osaka University, Japan (Part-time)
  + Involved in the work of the Ministry of the Environment in Japan for CDM, adaptation, “co-benefits” and J-VER (domestic carbon-offset).
  + Member, UNFCCC Consultative Group of Experts on Non-Annex I National Communications (CGE)
* Till June 2020: Counsellor, IGES.

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* Environmentalist at Large.