

# Nobuo Tanaka

## **Position/Department/Division/Institution/Organization**

Chairman, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation;

Former Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)

## **Country**

Japan

## **Career history**

Nobuo Tanaka is Chairman of The Sasakawa Peace Foundation. As Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) from 2007 to 2011, he initiated a collective release of oil stocks in June 2011. He also played a crucial and personal role in the strengthening of ties with major non-Member energy players, including China and India.

He began his career in 1973 in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and has served in a number of high-ranking positions, including Director-General of the Multilateral Trade System Department. He was deeply engaged in bilateral trade issues with the US as Minister for Industry, Trade and Energy at the Embassy of Japan, Washington DC. He has also served twice as Director for Science, Technology and Industry (DSTI) of the Paris-based international organization, OECD.

## **Areas of expertise**

Energy Security, Trade Negotiation, International Organization