

## VIP Guests Profiles

### ❖ KUSUDA Daizo



Born in 1975. Graduated from Kurume University High School (Fukuoka Prefecture) and the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law. After working at SMBC, he passed the National Civil Service Class I exam and among many postings, he served as secretary to former Prime Minister HATA Tsutomu. Being elected to the House of Representatives for the first time at the age of 28. During his second terms, he served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense. He also serves as a director of the Junior Chamber of Tsukushi and other advisors to private companies. He became mayor of Dazaifu City in 2018 and is currently in his third term. His motto is "Tribulation shall make thee into a precious stone." < meaning > People grow into good people only by overcoming difficulties and hardships.

#### 楠田 大蔵(くすだ だいぞう)

1975 年生まれ。久留米大学附設高校(福岡県)卒、東京大学法学部卒。三井住友銀行勤務後、国家公務員 I 種試験合格、元内閣総理大臣羽田孜秘書を経て、28 歳で衆議院議員初当選。2 期務める間に防衛大臣政務官等を歴任。(一社)つくし青年会議所理事をはじめ民間企業顧問も務める。2018 年に太宰府市長に就任、現在 3 期目。座右の銘は「艱難汝を玉にす」(かんなんなんじをたまにす)。<意味>人は困難や苦勞を乗り越えることによって、初めて立派な人間に成長するという事。

❖ **Chuka Asike**



Chuka Asike is a career Foreign Service Officer. Prior to his role as Principal Officer at U.S. Consulate Fukuoka, he held several positions overseas and in Washington DC. Before Japan, he was a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Development Results and Accountability. Before Treasury, he held several roles within the Department of State, including as Chief of Staff in the Bureau of African Affairs, and principal liaison to the Asian Development Bank within the Bureau of Economic Affairs. Prior to this, he spent one year at the World Bank's Office of the U.S. Executive Director as State Department's representative. Chuka's overseas assignments include tours in Angola, Dubai, UAE and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Before joining the Department in 2006, Chuka was a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs in New York. Chuka holds a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Howard University and has a Master of Science in Foreign Service with a specialization in economics from Georgetown University.

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チュカ・アシーケは職業外交官である。首席領事として在福岡米国領事館に赴任する前は、海外やワシントン DC で複数の職務を経験。直近では米国財務省の開発成果・説明責任室で上級顧問を務めた。米国財務省の前は、米国国務省本省でアフリカ担当次官補の特別補佐官、同省経済局で、アジア開発銀行との主要な連絡役を担った。これに先立ち、ワシントン DC で、世界銀行の米国事務局長室に1年間、国務省の代表として勤務した。

海外勤務は、アンゴラ、ドバイとエチオピアのアディスアベバを含む。2006年に国務省に入省する前は、ニューヨークのゴールドマン・サックスで金融アナリストとして勤務。

ハワード大学で生物学の学士号を取得(化学を副専攻)後、ジョージタウン大学で経済学を専攻し外交学修士号を取得。