



Mr. Normans Penke



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Lecture Title:

“Latvia’s Success Story: Challenging Odds and History”

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 13:30 – 15:00

Venue: *Library Hall at Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus*

*This is an open seminar, and no reservation is required.

***The lecture will be given in English (interpretation provided).**

About the lecturer

Normans Penke, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to Japan since August 2013.

Before his current appointment to Japan, H.E. Mr Penke was Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations in New York. During his tenure at the United Nations he was elected Chair of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) for the 64th session of the General Assembly and in January 2012 was elected (one year assignment) as a President of the Executive Board of the UN- Women (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women) .

H.E. Mr Penke served as State Secretary of his country’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2004-2008). Earlier, he was Ambassador of Latvia to the Russian Federation (2001-2004), Ambassador to Ireland (1998-2001) and Ambassador to the United Kingdom (1997-2001).



During several years previously, beginning in 1992, H.E. Mr Penke held numerous posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director of the Legal Department, Undersecretary of State for Legal and Consular Affairs, Undersecretary of State for International Organizations and Foreign Trade, and Undersecretary of State for Multilateral Relations.

Between 1990 and 1992, he was a lecturer on international law at the University of Latvia’s Institute of International Affairs, having been a junior research associate at the same Institute from 1989 to 1990. H.E. Mr Penke was educated at the University of Latvia, Faculty of Law (1989) and at Oxford University under its Foreign Service Programme (1993/1994).

