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## Press Release

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### **Judge Iwasawa Yuji elected President of the International Court of Justice**

THE HAGUE, 3 March 2025. Judge Iwasawa Yuji (Japan) was today elected President of the International Court of Justice by his peers, further to Judge Nawaf Salam's resignation from the presidency on 14 January 2025 (see press release No. [2025/3](#)). It is recalled that Judge Salam's term as President had been due to expire on 5 February 2027. In accordance with Article 14 of the [Rules of Court](#), the Court decided to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

President Iwasawa has been a Member of the Court since 22 June 2018. Before joining the Court, President Iwasawa was Professor of International Law at the University of Tokyo and Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. His full [biography](#) can be found on the Court's website, under the heading "Members of the Court"/"Current Members".

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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