

## NICOLAS CHAPUIS

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### **Ambassador of France to Canada**

Nicolas Chapuis' career started in the '80s with a position as Press Attaché at the French Embassy in Beijing. In 1983, he was appointed Second Secretary (political section) for the Embassy. In 1986 and 1987 he worked as Desk Officer for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong & Mongolia, for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Asia Department), which allowed him to gain a deep knowledge and expertise of the region. In 1987 and 1988, he was CFIA Fellow at Harvard University, USA.

His career as a Diplomat developed from being a Desk Officer for NATO & European Security, MFA, Political Affairs Department in 1988 and 1989, to being Counsellor for Cultural Affairs at French Embassy in Beijing until 1992, when he became Deputy Chief of Mission, French Embassy in Singapore.

In 1994 and 1995 he was the Personal Assistant to the Deputy General Secretary for European and Economic Affairs of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, followed by a position as the East Asia Deputy Director of the Asia & Oceania Department, MFA for the following three years.

In 1998, he was named Consul General in Shanghai, where he remained for three years, moving on in 2002 to the United Kingdom, where he was First Counsellor for Cultural Affairs at the French Embassy.

His diplomatic career also includes positions as Ambassador of France to Mongolia as well as Deputy Chief of Mission for the French Embassy in Beijing.

Most recently, his career has brought him to North America; he is Ambassador of France to Canada since 4 February 2015.

Mr. Chapuis holds a BA in World History from the University of Paris as well as one in Mongolian Studies, from INALCO, Paris. He has obtained a Masters and a DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies) in Chinese Studies from the University of Paris VII.

#### **AWARDS:**

- 2001 Knight, French National Order of Merit
- 2006 Knight, French Legion of Honour

- 2013 Officer, French National Order of Merit
- 2014 CIO of the Year (*Trophée Coup de coeur du Jury*, 01 Business)
- 2014 Public Manager of the Year
- 2014 Prix de l'Entreprise Collaborative (CEGOS)

Mr. Chapuis masters the English, Chinese and Mongolian languages.

He is married with two children.