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HE Isikeli Maitaitoga is the Ambassador Extra-ordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Fiji to Japan, Russian Federation, and the Philippines. He is based in Tokyo, Japan.

He was recently a Judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal of Fiji. Before that he was Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade. The other senior posts he has held include High Commissioner to Australia, Ambassador to the European Union and seven EU Member States; Permanent Representative of Fiji to the World Trade Organization; UN Food Agricultural Organization, UNESCO, and World Custom Council.

Before entering the diplomatic service, Ambassador Maitaitoga held the post of Director of Public Prosecutions and Solicitor General in Fiji.

Ambassador Maitaitoga graduated with LLB and LLM from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He is admitted to practice as Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, Supreme Court of ACT and High Court of Australia and the High Court of Fiji. He was the Director of Public Prosecutions and Solicitor General in Fiji before being appointed a Justice to the High Court of Fiji.

He is highly skilled in international negotiations, advocacy, and strategic diplomacy, planning and management. He was a Member of the Committee of Experts on Technical & Legal Matters of the International Seabed Authority based in Jamaica from 2007-2011. Been involved in developing and teaching a Course for Fijian Civil Servants in Diplomatic Theory & Practice.

More recently he has been engaged with work associated with Oceans Policy Development in the Pacific Region, Blue Pacific Continent, Climate Change and Law of the Sea, in the context of the current negotiations of an Implementation Agreement under Part XII of UNCLOS. He participated in a few Workshops and seminar sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan on Climate Change and its impact of the Pacific Peoples.