

Arslan Hakan Okçal

Ambassador of Turkey to the Republic of Korea



Name : Arslan Hakan Okçal
Date and Place of Birth : 25 February 1954, Istanbul, Turkey

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

BA in International Relations, Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara

University, Turkey (1977)

Dipomacy Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara (1979)

NATO Defence College, Rome, Italy (1989)

Languages : English, German

CAREER

August – December 1978 : Passed the Foreign Service Examination and
Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA),
Ankara

April 1980- August 1981 : Military Service, Second Lieutenant, Turkish Air
Force HQ, Ankara

December 1981- August 1983 : Vice-Consul, Turkish Consulate General,
Benghazi, Libya

September 1983- August 1987 : Vice Consul and Consul, Turkish Consulate
General, Muenster, W.Germany

September 1987- February 1989 : First Secretary, Administrative and Financial
Department, MFA

February 1989- July 1989 : NATO Defence College, Rome, Italy

August 1989 – September 1992 : First Secretary and Counsellor, Turkish
Delegation, NATO, Brussels, Belgium

September 1992- August 1995 : Consul General, Turkish Consulate General,
Komotini, Greece

September 1995- August 1997 : Head of North America Department, MFA

September 1997- August 1999 : First Counsellor and Minister Counsellor,
Turkish Embassy, Bonn, Germany

- September 1999- August 2001 : Minister Counsellor, Turkish Embassy, Berlin, Germany
- September 2001- December 2004 : Deputy Director General for Research, MFA
- December 2004- June 2008 : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abuja. Also accredited to Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nijer, Kamerun, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe and ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States)
- June 2008- July 2010 : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje
- August 2010- December 2013 : Director General for the Balkans and Central Europe, MFA
- January 2014- Present : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Korea, Seoul. Also accredited to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- FAMILY** : Married to Mrs. Pinar Okçal with two daughters and a son