

Yukiya Amano

*New director
general of UN
nuclear watchdog,
the International
Atomic
Energy
Agency*



■ **May 9, 1947:** Born in Japan's Kanagawa prefecture. Graduates from faculty of law at University of Tokyo in 1972. Studies in France until 1975

■ **1988:** Becomes director for research coordination and senior research fellow at Japan's Institute of International Affairs

■ **1990s:** Takes part in arms-control talks that produce 1995 extension of **Non-Proliferation Treaty** and 1996 **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty**

■ **2000:** Secures agreement to shut down Chernobyl Unit No. 3

■ **2005-06:** Serves as chairman of IAEA's policymaking governing body. Accepts **Nobel Peace Prize** on behalf of IAEA

Amano says he will stick to IAEA's mandate of inspections to prevent proliferation and support safe use of nuclear energy for economic development and medicine.

Supports U.S. President Barack Obama's readiness to talk to Iran over its nuclear ambitions