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## Education

BA, MA University of New Mexico  
National War College, Class of 1991,  
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National Defense University, Capstone Program,  
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## Affiliations

Council on Foreign Relations  
International Career Advancement Program  
Kenan Foundation Asia  
American Chamber of Commerce Thailand  
Santa Fe World Affairs Forum  
World Affairs Council of Albuquerque  
Historical Society of New Mexico

## Languages

French

Ambassador William H. Itoh has served as Senior Advisor to McLarty Associates since 2006, specializing on Southeast Asia. He served as Ambassador to Thailand (1995-1999). Prior to his appointment to Bangkok, he was Executive Secretary of the National Security Council at the White House (1993-1995).

During his career as a Foreign Service Officer, Ambassador Itoh was assigned abroad at the U.S. Embassy in London (1976-1978) and as the U.S. Consul General to Western Australia in Perth (1986-1990), in addition to his assignment in Thailand. His Washington assignments included the Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and the Bureau of Congressional Relations. He was Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Executive Secretary of the Department of State from 1991-1993.

As Ambassador to Thailand, Ambassador Itoh was the 1998 recipient of the Department of State's Charles S. Cobb Award for outstanding support of the American business community. He was also awarded an honorary PHD in Economics by Khon Kaen University, presented by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej in December 1998, in recognition of his efforts in support of Thailand's recovery during the Asian financial crisis.

Before joining the State Department Ambassador Itoh served on active duty with the US Air Force as a logistics officer and was an Assistant Professor of History at California State University, Humboldt.

Ambassador Itoh also serves as Professor of the Practice in the Department of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He was Director of Washington International Programs for UNC from (2003-2010). Now residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ambassador Itoh has served as Chairman of the Albuquerque Committee on Foreign Relations and is past president of the World Affairs Council of Albuquerque.

