CURRICULUM VITAE

Born May 7, 1961, Kukes, married with one child and living in Tirana, Albania. Full-time professor at Polytechnic University of Tirana, FIMIF, Department of Chemical Engineering.

ACADEMIC TITELS & DEGREES

Academic title "Associated Professor" (2016) and two academic degrees; "Doctor of Science" from the University of Tirana (1994) and "Doctor of Philosophy" from Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan (1999). The post graduate studies in Japan with scholarship "Monbukagakusho" (1995-1999) Japan.



PROFESIONAL CAREER

The Director of the project "Education Reform" - <u>World Bank</u> (2000-2004) having the client the Ministry of Education and Science, Director General of <u>Superphosphates</u> Plant in <u>Lac</u> (1990-1993), Albania and since 1990 lecturer for <u>Chemical Reactors</u>, <u>Physical Chemistry</u> and <u>General</u> and <u>Inorganic Chemistry</u> at the <u>University of Tirana</u> and the <u>Polytechnic University of Tirana</u>, where leads the research in the Chemical Engineering Department.

DIPLOMATIC CAREER

The first Honorary Consul General of Japan in Albania for a 9-year period (2000-2009). Then the first Albanian ambassador to Japan since the establishment of diplomatic relations between two countries (nominated with presidential decree December 2007 and ended duty in September 2015). The post of an ambassador to Japan was vacant and was only instated for the first time after an 87-year period since the time of recognition of Albania from Japan (April 1922) and 28 years after reactivation the relations (March 1981) with Japan.

DECORATIONS

On 29 April 2018, the Japanese Government awarded the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star Rays" for services of contributing to strengthening the bilateral relations between Japan and Albania and promoting Japanese language education, becoming the first Albanian receiving this degree of decoration from the Japanese Emperor.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

English, Italian, Japanese, Turkish and Russian