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Mr. Jaakko Lehtovirta serves as Finland's Ambassador to Lithuania since 1st of September 2024.

Before his current assignment, Mr. Lehtovirta has served abroad as Ambassador to Ukraine (2022–2024), Deputy Head of the Finnish Embassy in Tokyo, as Political counsellor in Moscow, and in different positions in Kuala Lumpur and the Finnish Delegation to the UN in New York. In Helsinki, he has served as Director and desk officer in the Unit for Russia among other tasks. Before posting to Kyiv, Mr. Lehtovirta was foreign policy teacher at National Defence Courses.

Mr. Lehtovirta pursued an academic career before joining the Foreign Service in 2001. Holding a PhD in General History, his main interests were in the Muscovite history of the 15th–17th centuries. An anglophile, his interests include history of all sorts, architecture, baroque music, cycling and travelling.

Mr. Lehtovirta was born 28th of March 1964 in Hämeenlinna, Finland.

