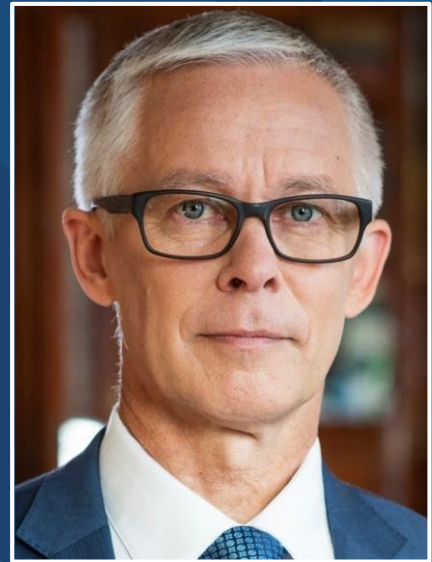


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Timo Kantola has served as the Consul General of Finland in Hong Kong and Macao since September 2022.

Consul General Kantola previously served as the Ambassador of Finland to Estonia. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Director General of the Political Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) (2013-2018) and as the Ambassador of Finland to the OSCE in Vienna (2010-2013). He has also served as the Security Policy Director at the MFA, and his earlier career includes assignments in Brussels (EU/Political and Security Committee), Ankara Turkey, Geneva (disarmament and non-proliferation), and Vienna (OSCE). Consul General Kantola joined the foreign service of Finland in 1988. During Finland's Presidency of the Council of the EU in 1999, he chaired the EU CFSP Working Group on global disarmament, and during the 2006 Presidency he chaired the Politico-Military Group of the EU.

Consul General Kantola was born in Jyväskylä, Finland in 1959. He graduated from the University of Jyväskylä and the University of Helsinki with Master's in Social Science and Law respectively. Married with four children.

Consul General Kantola's hobby is running. He has been running for decades and took part in several marathons.

