

Biography

W. Patrick Murphy

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W. Patrick Murphy is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he served previously as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'affaires in Thailand (2013-2016) and Lesotho (2006-2008).

Mr. Murphy's prior Washington service includes Special Representative for Burma, Director/Deputy Director of the Office for Mainland Southeast Asia, political advisor for the Haiti Working Group, and desk officer for Burma and Laos. Since joining the Department of State in 1992, he has also completed diplomatic assignments abroad in Burma, China, Iraq, Guinea, and Mali.

Mr. Murphy was a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon. He received an M.A. from The Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), an M.S. from the National War College (distinguished graduate), and a B.A. from the University of Vermont. He also studied at the European Institute in Nice, France.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Murphy was a resource economist for the World Wildlife Fund and a policy analyst for the Overseas Development Council. His foreign languages include French, Spanish, Cantonese, and Burmese.