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PAUL KAVANAGH

Ambassador of Ireland to France and Monaco

Friday 23rd September 2011
at 18:30

PAUL KAVANAGH was born in Dublin in 1956 and educated at Synge Street Schools and University College Dublin from which he graduated in 1977 with an Honours Degree in Modern History and French.

Mr. Kavanagh has been Ambassador to France and to Monaco since September 2009. In line with the Government's strong priorities, he has maintained a firm focus in the Embassy's work on the promotion of Ireland's economic, investment and commercial links with both France and Monaco, while also fostering cultural and other connections.

Ambassador and Mrs. Rosemary Kavanagh accompanied His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco and the then Ms Charlene Wittstock on the successful State Visit that His Highness made to Ireland in April 2011.

Previously, Mr. Kavanagh was Ambassador to the United Nations in New York (2007-2009); Ambassador to the UN and the World Trade Organisation in Geneva (2006-2007); and Ambassador at the EU in Brussels/ Political and Security Committee (2004-2006).

Mr. Kavanagh was Deputy Political Director at Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs in 2003-2004 and Coordinator of Ireland's delegation on the UN Security Council in New York in 2001 and 2002.

Earlier in his career, he spent nine years from 1983 to 1992 on secondment to the Cabinet of the United Nations Secretary General, dealing mostly with conflict situations, including the Iran-Iraq war (participating in the UN negotiation team that brought that conflict to an end), Cambodia and Namibia. In 1991/92, he acted as Special Assistant to Cyrus R. Vance in regard to Yugoslavia. From 1992 to 1996, he was Political Adviser to the UN Force in Cyprus and, from 1996 to 1998, Director of the United Nations Office in Japan.

His first overseas posting was in Beijing, China, where, from 1979 to 1982, he participated in establishing Ireland's Embassy. Prior to that, he worked on Ireland's accession to the European Monetary System at the Department of Foreign Affairs, before which he was Executive Officer at Ireland's Department of Defence (Army HQ) in Dublin.

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