



## **Marshall P. Adair**

Marshall Adair was elected President of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) in July, 1999. AFSA is the professional association and exclusive bargaining unit for the five foreign affairs agencies. It is responsible for defending the interests of Foreign Service employees, and for promoting the standards and effectiveness of the diplomatic profession.

Mr. Adair joined the Service in 1972, and is currently a Minister-Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service. He is an economic officer who has served in Europe, Africa and Asia. His first post in the Foreign Service was Paris, France where he did consular and economic work. From 1974-1976 he was Vice Consul in Lubumbashi, Zaire.

In 1976 he returned to Washington to work on UNCTAD commodity negotiations from the Department of State's Economic Bureau. In 1980 he studied Chinese in Taiwan, and subsequently served in Hong Kong analyzing the PRC economy and then in Beijing doing bilateral economic relations.

From 1986-1988 he was Director of the Office of Commercial, Legislative and Public Affairs in the Department of State's Economic Bureau, and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary. In 1988, he returned to Asia as Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs in Rangoon during the Burmese uprising. From 1990 to 1992 he was U.S. Consul General in Chengdu, PRC.

Mr. Adair returned to the U.S. in 1992, spent one year in the Department's Senior Seminar and then two years as Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs. In 1995 he was appointed to the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Canadian Affairs where he had responsibility for relations with 17 countries, including Greece, Cyprus and Turkey, most of the former Eastern Europe and the Scandinavian countries. Following that he worked for the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs promoting relations between the State Department and the American business community

While with the Department of State, Mr. Adair has received training in economics and Chinese language. He received the State Department's Superior Honor Award in 1990 for his work in Rangoon. He speaks French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Mr. Adair attended Middlebury College. He is married to Ginger Chen, and they have one son, Charles.