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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to India and the Kingdom of Bhutan



Worked as Senior Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. He, as the G7/G20 Sherpa for Prime Minister, contributed to the outcomes of the G7 Hiroshima Summit 2023, the G20 New Delhi Summit 2023 and other G7/G20 Summits.

Served as Assistant Minister/Director-General for Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan from January until July in 2022. His portfolio included economic/trade negotiations and coordination in various fora including G7, G20, WTO, OECD and others.

Before then he was Assistant Minister/Director-General and Ambassador for Global Issues including SDGs, global health and climate change. He represented the Japanese Government in the COVAX Facility, the Gavi Vaccine Alliance Board, and also led the Japanese delegation at COP 26 in Glasgow in 2021.

Before then he was Deputy Chief of Mission/Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Jakarta, Bureau for the Japan-U.S. alliance and security cooperation.

He was Director, Northeast Asia Division, MOFA until October 2015, and was responsible for Japan's relations with the Republic of Korea and North Korea.

Worked in other fields including bilateral relations with the five Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam), and China and Mongolia. Served in the Embassy of Japan in London in early 1990's, and in Washington, D.C. from 2000 to 2003. Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1988.

Graduated from Tokyo University (BA in law, 1988), and University of Cambridge (St. John's College, BA and MA in law, 1991).

Married to Hikariko, Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Hungary, with one son.