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Professional Experience:	<div>1990 - 1997 Lecturer, Department of Mathematics. Faculty of Science, Toho University</div> <div>1993 - 1994 Max-Planck Inst. Bonn, Germany</div> <div>1997 - 1999 Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics. Faculty of Science Toho University</div> <div>1999 - 2003 Associate Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University</div> <div>2001 Guest Professor, IHES, France (JSPS)</div> <div>2004 - present Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University</div> <div>2006 - 2013 Special Adviser to the President of Tohoku University</div> <div>2008 - 2018 Member of the Board of Trustees, The Mathematical Society of Japan</div> <div>2008 - 2013 Distinguished Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University</div> <div>2010 Chair, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University</div> <div>2011 - 2012 Deputy Director, Professor, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University</div> <div>2012 - 2019 Director, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University</div> <div>2014 - 2019 Associate Executive Vice President (for Research), Tohoku University</div> <div>2015 - 2016 President, The Mathematical Society of Japan</div> <div>2014 - 2022 Executive Member, Council for Science and Technology Policy, Cabinet Office, Japan</div> <div>2014 - present Member, Board of Governors, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology School Corporation</div> <div>2017 - 2020 Executive Director, RIKEN</div> <div>2020 - 2024 Executive Vice President for Research, Tohoku University</div> <div>2021 - present ISC Executive Officer, Vice President</div> <div>2022 - present Science and Technology Co-Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs</div> <div>2024 – present Member, United Nations 10-Member-Group</div> <div>2024 - 2025 Executive Vice President for International Research Strategy, Tohoku University</div> <div>2025 - present Executive Director for International Research Strategy, Tohoku University</div> <div>2025 - present Executive Director of Science, RIKEN</div>		
Social Contribution	<div>▪ Member, Science Council of Japan</div> <div>▪ Members of several committees of the MEXT and the Cabinet Office</div> <div>▪ Members of advisory committees of several national research institutes (such as National</div>		

	<p>Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) , National Institute of Informatics (NII), National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT); National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members of selection committees of Kyoto prizes, IMU prize, ICIAM prize ▪ Project leaders for promotion of women in science
Recognition:	<p>Saruhashi Prize (2005), President Special Prize of Tohoku University (2005)</p> <p>President Education Award of Tohoku University (2010)</p>
Current Research:	<p>Discrete Geometric Analysis, Geometry</p>