



Japanese Candidate to the International  
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*A diplomatic career spanning more than forty (40) years, significant experience in the field of the Law of the Sea and other fields of international legal affairs, notably his engagement in the ratification of UNCLOS as a Chief Officer in charge of Law of the Sea legislation, and his creation of a foundation for Japan as an advocate of UNCLOS.*

### Education and Academic Profession :

LL.B.	Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo (1980)
Overseas Student	Nanjing University, Nanjing, China (1981-83) Graduate School of Arts & Science, Harvard University (1983-84)
Lecturer	Graduate School of Law, Waseda University (International Law)(2000-02) Faculty of economy, Shiga University (Chinese Economy)(2011) American University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia-Japan Relations)(2018) National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (Foreign Policy)(2019) Center of Japan Studies, Groningen University (Japan and China)(2020)

### Professional Experience :

1990-	Principal Deputy Director, Treaties Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan
1992-	First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the People's Republic of China (PRC)
1995-	Chief Officer in charge of development of Law of the Sea legislation
1996-	Counselor, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America (USA)
1999-	Director, International Agreements Division, MOFA
2000-	Director, Legal Affairs Division, MOFA
2002-	Director, China and Mongolia Division, MOFA
2004-	Minister (Political), Embassy of Japan in PRC
2007-	Deputy Director-General, Intelligence and Analysis Service, MOFA
2009-	Deputy Director-General, International Legal Affairs Bureau, MOFA
2010-	Minister (Administration), Embassy of Japan in PRC
2011-	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in PRC
2014-	Consul-General of Japan in Los Angeles, USA
2016-	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia
2019-	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Participation in International Conferences and Meetings :

- 1992 Conclusion Meeting of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 2000 Japan-China Negotiation on the Framework of Mutual Notification on Marine Scientific Research
- 2007 The Regional Symposium for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adoption of the 1977 Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions
- 2009 The head of delegation, the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
- 2014 The head of delegation, the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
- 2019-2022 The head of delegation, the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- 2019-2022 The head of delegation, the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties of the OPCW



### Commitment to Conclusion of Treaties and Agreement :

- 1990 The Protocol Amending the Japan-France Nuclear Co-operation Agreement
- 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1992 Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean
- 1996 World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty
- 1999 Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage
- 1999 Universal Postal Convention
- 1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism
- 2000 Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 2000 Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
- 2000 United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime
- 2001 Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the Southeast Atlantic Ocean
- 2003 Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas
- 2007 Treaty Between Japan and the People's Republic of China on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters
- 2008 Agreement on Consular Relations Between Japan and the People's Republic of China

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- 2009 Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency
- 2009 Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean
- 2009 Agreement Between Japan and the European Union on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters
- 2009 Treaty Between Japan and the Russian Federation on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters
- 2012 Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean

## Selected Publications :

“The Case of Suspicious Boat at South-west Waters of Kyushu and International Law”, September 2003, “Waseda Law Review” Vol.79-1

“Eight Hours on September 11”, September 2005, “Melting Borders and Transcending Law II, Security and International Crime”, Tokyo University Press

“Remedy on the Chemical Gas Accident at Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province”, July 2006, “Issues of International Law in the 21st Century”, Yushindo

“Japan-China Consular Agreement: Trajectory from the Shenyang Incident”, June 2010, “Jurist” No.1402, Yuhikaku

“Japan’s Practice of International Law”, 2022, Leiden University Press

