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Joined the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1987. Worked in the areas of Trade (TPP and bilateral FTAs), Development Cooperation (loan aid; policy planning; budget) and Energy & Food Security, among others. He was seconded to the Cabinet Secretariat in 2006-2008 as senior coordinator for overseas Development Cooperation and Global Health.

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