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Professional Experience

2005 - Present	Chairman , The Nippon Foundation
1989 - 2005	President , The Nippon Foundation
1988 - 1989	Acting President , The Nippon Foundation
1981 - 1988	Trustee, The Nippon Foundation

UN Human Rights Council

Major Achievements at the Nippon Foundation	
2013	As Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National reconciliation in Myanmar, assist national reconciliation between the Government of Myanmar and Ethnic Armed Groups as well as conducting humanitarian assistance and community rehabilitation for residents under the control of Ethnic Armed Organizations
2011	Conducted various relief work in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami including distribution of emergency aid supplies, support of nearly 700 volunteer groups to work in affected areas, and a symposium where world-leading experts on radiation and health discussed the health risks for people in Fukushima: initiatives were funded by both domestic and overseas public donations
2011	Initiated the Tokyo-Washington Dialog to develop bilateral policy proposals
2010	Assisted the Japanese government in submitting "Principles and Guidelines to end discrimination against people affected by leprosy and their family members" to the UN Human Rights Council. The resolution is unanimously adopted by the UN General Assmbly
2010	Established schools of prosthetics and orthotics in Indonesia and the Philippines
2009	Launched ASEAN Secretariat - The Nippon Foundation Project on Leprosy and Human Dignity
2008	Helped the Japanese government to have the resolution for "elimination of discrimination

against persons affected by leprosy and their family members" adopted unanimously by the

2007	Established the Aids to Navigation Fund, a new initiative for the protection of the Malacca-Singapore Straits
2006	Established the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in India
2006	Launched the Global Appeal to end Stigma and Discrimination against People Affected by Leprosy
2004	Launched Traditional Medicine Project in Mongolia
2000	Initiated the Nippon Foundation Fellowships for Asian Public Intellectuals (API Fellowships) in five countries in Asia
1999	Established an international network of maritime universities
1999	Provided pediatric medical assistance to victims of the Chernobyl Disaster
1993	Chaired an international joint research program to develop an arctic shipping route
1991	Contributed extensively to the WHO program to eliminate leprosy
1987	Established the Sasakawa Medical Scholarship Program to train 2000 Chinese medical doctors
1987	Created the Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF), a grant-in-aid program that has resulted in a network linking 69 major universities worldwide
1986	Initiated the Sasakawa Global 2000 Program to enable African nations to achieve
	self-sufficiency in staple crop production

Other Professional Positions

Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar

Goodwill Ambassador for the Welfare of the National Races in Myanmar

(Appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

Goodwill Ambassador for the Human Rights of Persons Affected by Leprosy

(Appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

Trustee, Fondation Franco-Japonaise Sasakawa

Trustee Emeriti, United States-Japan Foundation

Patron, The Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation

Patron, The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation

Advisor, The Tokyo Foundation

Honors 2016 Honorary Sign of the President of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences International Maritime Prize for 2014 2015 2014 The Rule of Law Award, International Bar Association 2013 Gold Medal of Merit, Republic of Serbia 2013 Friendship Medal of the State of Vietnam, The Socialist Republic of Vietnam 2011 Royal Order of Sahametrei class Maha Sirivudha (Grand Cross), Cambodia 2011 Commander of the Medal of Gratitude Central Africa 2010 Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit 2010 Ethiopian Millenium Gold Medal 2010 Royal Order of the Polar Star-Commander First Class, Kingdom of Sweden 2010 Commander of the Order of the Defender of the Realm (Panglima Mangku Negara) Tan Sri, Malaysia 2010 Ordem de Timor-Leste, Timor-Leste 2010 The Grand Cross of the Order of the Falcon with Star, Republic of Iceland 2010 Order of the Knight of Dannebrog, Kingdom of Denmark 2010 Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Medallion of the World Food Prize 2010 The Diploma of an Academician of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences 2010 The Patriarch's Chart of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill 2010 Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland 2009 'Science for Society' Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences 2007 Polestar Order, Mongolia 2007 Coast Guard Legion of Honor (Degree of Maginoo) 2006 Commandeur de l'Ordre' National du Mali à titre Étranger 2006 International Gandhi Award 2004 Yomiuri International Cooperation Prize, Japan 2003 Commandeur de l'Ordre Royal du Monisaraphon, Cambodia 2003 National Construction Medal, Cambodia

2003	The Special Award, World Maritime University, Sweden
2003	Officier de l'Ordre National, Government of Madagascar
2001	Vaclav Havel Memorial Medal, Czech President Vaclav Havel
2001	Millenium Gandhi Award, International Leprosy Union
2000	Order of Merit in the rank of Grand Officer, Government of Romania
2000	Decerne la Medaille d'Honneur de Menerbes, France
2000	International Green Pen Awards honour for Pacific Environmental Journalism, Fiji
1998	Al Hussein Bin Ali Decoration for Accomplishment-First Degree, The Hashemite Kingdom of
	Jordan
1998	Health-for-All Gold Medal, World Health Organization
1997	China Health Medal, Republic of China
1996	Kin Inka Sho, Republic of Peru
1996	Frantsiska Scarina Medal, People's Republic of Belarus
1996	Medal for Merits Third Degree, Ukraine
1996	Order of Friendship, Russian Federation
1996	Order of Merit for Distinguished Service-Third Grade, Republic of Peru
1995	La Grande Étoile de Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti
1989	Grand Officier de L'Ordre du Mono, Republic of Togo

Honorary Degrees

2016	Doctor Honoris Causa, Sofia University, Bulgaria
2013	Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University, University of York, The United Kingdom
2012	Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities, University of Malaya, Malaysia
2012	Honorary Degree of Doctor of Agricultural Development Honoris Causa, Hawassa University
2010	Honorary Academician, Russian Academy of Natural Science
2009	Honorary Professorship, Yunnan University, China
2008	Honorary Degree of Doctor in Humane Letters, University for Peace
2008	Honorary Professorship, Dalian University of Foreign Language, China
2007	Honorary Doctor of Humanity, University of Cambodia, Cambodia
2007	Honorary Professorship, Guizhou University, China

2007	Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
2006	Honorary Professorship, Dalian Maritime University, China
2005	Doctor Honoris Causa, Jadavpur University, India
2005	Honorary Chair, International Association of Maritime Universities
2004	Honorary Professorship, Shanghai Maritime University, China
2004	Doctor Honoris Causa, World Maritime University, Sweden
2004	Honorary Professorship, Heilongjiang University, China
2004	Honorary Professorship, Harbin Medical University, China
2003	Honorary Professorship, China Medical University, China
2003	Doctor Honoris Causa, Academy of Management, Mongolia
2000	Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Bucharest, Romania
2000	Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
2000	Honorary Professorship, Yanbian University, China

Major Publications

2016	Aisuru Sokoku e (To my Beloved Motherland), Sankei Shimbun Publications Inc., Tokyo
2015	Shinshi no hinkaku 2 (A Gentleman's Dignity 2), PHP Publishing, Tokyo
2014	Zanshin, Sekai no hansen-byo wo seiatsu suru (Remaining Mindful, Eliminating Leprosy Worldwide)
2012	Shinshi no hinkaku (A Gentleman's Dignity), PHP Publishing, Tokyo
2010	Rin-jin, chugoku-jin ni itte okitai koto (Things I Would Like to Say to Our Neighbors, the Chinese), PHP Publishing, Tokyo
2010	Soredemo tabako wo suimasu ka? (And You Still Smoke?) Gentosha, Inc. Tokyo
2010	Fukano wo kano ni ? Sekai no hansen byo tono tatakai (Making the Impossible Possible; the World's Battle with Leprosy), Akashi Shoten, Tokyo
2009	Wakamono yo, sekai ni habatake (Youth! Get Out and See the World!) PHP Publishing, Tokyo
2008	Ningen toshite ikite hoshii kara (Because They Should be Able to Live as Human Beings, Too), Kairyusha Co.Ltd., Tokyo
2004	Sekai no hansen-byo ga nakunaru hi (The Day Leprosy is Eradicated from the World), Akashi Shoten, Tokyo
2004	Konokuni anokuni (This Country and That Country), Sankei Shimbun-sha, Tokyo
1998	Gaimusho no shiranai sekai no sugao (Real Faces of the World Unknown to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Sankei Shimbun-sha, Tokyo

 $\ \,$ Chie aru mono wa chie de tsumazuku (Those with Wisdom Fail for Wisdom) , Crest Publishing House, Tokyo

Education

1962 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics, Meiji University

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January 8, 1939

Birth Place

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