

Personal

Date of birth: 20 February 1956

Place of birth: Japan

Education

University of Tokyo (B.A., 1978)

University of Oxford (M.Phil., 1982)

Current positions

Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), specializing in international law, humanitarian law and law of human rights.

Special Assistant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador in charge of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Professional legal experience

April 2009 - present Special Assistant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador in charge of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In charge of negotiating and preparing for the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (2010).

2006 - 2009 Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

As the legal advisor of UNODC, responsible for, amongst others, assisting States in the ratification and implementation of the relevant international treaties, including the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as well as the development of domestic legislation on drugs, crime and terrorism; technical assistance including education and training of judges and prosecutors in developing countries; and the establishment of rule of law and national criminal justice systems in post-conflict regions.

2004 - 2006 Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna; Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) sections. As Head of the IAEA and NSG sections, covered non-proliferation issues and in charge of the negotiations to revise the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

- 1991 - 2001 Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- As Director, responsible for humanitarian and human rights affairs, including gender issues. In charge of the preparations for the ratification and implementation of the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols, amongst others. Led the Japanese delegation in human rights-related meetings of the United Nations, including the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly on “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, in June 2000. Also responsible for addressing international crimes, transnational crimes and drug and human trafficking. Led the negotiations for the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Convention on Cybercrime.
- 1998 - 1999 Director, Refugee Division, Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice.
- Main duties and responsibilities included determination of refugee status in accordance with the United Nations Convention on Refugees and issues related to illegal immigrants and human trafficking.
- 1995 - 1998 Specialist to Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice.
- Actively participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in crime-related treaty negotiations, including the United Nations Preparatory Committee for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court. Responsible for legislation and application of domestic law on drug crimes, organized crime, money laundering, terrorism and illegal immigration, in accordance with relevant international conventions, and participated in the drafting of major laws in these areas. Also in charge of advising on the application of drug-related laws in specific cases. Contributed to the making of the “Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice” as a member of the Japanese delegation to the Crime Commission in 1997.
- 1993 - 1995 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
- Mainly responsible for matters taken up by the Sixth Committee (legal affairs) of the United Nations General Assembly. Major issues included negotiations on the Rome Statute and the Terrorism Declaration and discussions on the International Court of Justice, the International Law Commission and the United Nations Charter revision, amongst other issues related to international law.
- 1992 - 1993 Principal Deputy Director, Economic/Environmental Affairs Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Main duties and responsibilities included matters relating to sustainable development, the concept of which was beginning to gain recognition as one of the guiding principles of the United Nations system; preparation for the Rio Conference; and Japan’s ratification of the Basel Treaty.

1986 - 1989 Deputy Director, Oceanic Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Responsible, amongst other matters, for trade negotiations in agricultural and fisheries products and application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and bilateral trade agreements to these products. Also involved in early negotiations to establish the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

1982 - 1986 Deputy Director, Legal Affairs Division, Treaties Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Major responsibilities included criminal jurisdiction, treaty law, international economic law and law of the sea.

Amongst other activities, engaged in and contributed to the negotiations, ratification processes, and implementation phases of numerous treaties and conventions, including the following:

- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- Human rights conventions;
- Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols;
- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;
- United Nations Convention against Corruption;
- Terrorism-related treaties; and
- Environment-related treaties.

Also participated in many other international meetings and conferences, as a keynote speaker, lecturer, panelist and discussant, as well as contributed to United Nations publications.

Academic experience

Vast experience as an academic lawyer, having undertaken research and teaching as a professor at the institutions listed below. Main fields of specialty are: international criminal law and law of human rights including matters relating to the International Criminal Court, war crimes, crimes against humanity, terrorism, organized crime and corruption, amongst others.

2009 - present Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

2001 - 2004 Professor of International Law, Tohoku University Graduate School of Law.

2003 - 2004 Professor, Kobe University Graduate School.

Relevant publications (in Japanese)

Books

- *International Human Rights Law and International Criminal law* (Shinzansha, 2004).
- *International Law (Bridge-book Series)* (Shinzansha, 2003, co-author (2nd edition, 2009)).

Treatises

- “UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, *Gendai Keijiho* vol. 9 (2007).
- “Gender as the mainstream in the United Nations”, in: Toshiya Ueki & Hiroyuki Tosa (ed.), *International Law, International Relations and Gender* (Tohoku University Press, 2007).
- “Punishment of war crimes in Japan”, in: Shinya Murase & Akira Mayama (ed.), *International Law of Armed Conflicts* (Toshindo, 2006).
- “Exemption of penalties on illegal entry of refugees coming directly from a territory where their life or freedom was threatened”, in: *Jurisuto Important Cases in 2002*, (Yuhikaku, 2003).
- “Punishment of human rights violators in international law”, in: Yozo Yokota (ed.), *Contemporary International Law and the United Nations, Human Rights and International Tribunals* (Kokusai Shoin, 2003).
- “The scope of national criminal jurisdiction over violations of human rights”, *Kokusaiho Gaiko Zassi* vol. 102-1 (2003).
- “International framework to fight against trafficking of children”, *Hougaku Seminar* 2003-1 (2003).
- “Major work of the Human Rights Commission in 2000”, *Kokusai Jinken* vol. 12 (2001).
- “Transnational Organized Crime – Japan and the G8 Summit Meeting 2000”, *Gaiko Forum* 2000-8 (2000).
- “Supreme Court (3rd Bench) Decision on 18 October 1996 – Legality of undercover operations in drug crimes investigations”, *Horitsu no Hiroba* 1997-7 (1997).
- “Osaka District Court Judgment on 22 September 1995 – Controlled delivery and Custom Law”, *Kenshu* vol. 578 (1996).
- “Problems in the application of Article 8 of the Drug Special Law”, *Kenshu* vol. 581 (1996).

Languages

Japanese (native)

English (fluent)

French
