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Masakazu TOYODA

Chairman and CEO
Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Masakazu Toyoda currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), as well as Special Advisor to the Institute of Energy Economics of Japan and Director of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research.

He is the former Chairman and CEO of the Institute of Energy Economics (2010-2021); served also for nearly a decade on both the Board of Governors of the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies (2012-2021); and the International Advisory Board Council of the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Saudi Arabia (2011-2019).

During his distinguished government career, he served in numerous key positions within the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan culminating in his service as Vice Minister for International Affairs (2007-2008). He also subsequently served as Secretary General of the Secretariat for Space Policy in Japan's Cabinet Secretariat.

Chairman Toyoda holds a Master of Public Affairs degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (1979), and an undergraduate Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Tokyo (1973).

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Kent E. CALDER

Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Center
for East Asian Studies
Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)

Kent E. Calder currently directs the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, as he has done since 2003.

Calder recently also served for varying intervals as Dean, Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs, and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at SAIS.

Prior to SAIS, Calder served as special advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Japan; Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); tenured professor at Princeton University; lecturer on government at Harvard; and as the first executive director of Harvard University's Program on U.S.-Japan Relations. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he worked under the direction of Edwin O. Reischauer, former US Ambassador to Japan.

A specialist in East Asian political economy, Calder lived and researched in Japan for eleven years and elsewhere in East Asia for four years.

In 2014, He was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon. Calder's recent publications include: *Global Political Cities: Actors and Arenas of Influence in International Affairs* (2021); *Super Continent: The Logic of Eurasian Integration* (2019); *Circles of Compensation: Economic Growth and the Globalization of Japan* (2018); and *Singapore: Smart City, Smart State* (2017); *Asia in Washington* (2014); and *The New Continentalism: Energy and Twenty-First Century Eurasian Geopolitics* (2012).

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Yukari Niwa YAMASHITA
Managing Director
Institute of Energy Economics, Japan
(IEEJ)

Yukari Niwa Yamashita is a Managing Director for the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), in Charge of the Energy Data and Modelling Center which is responsible for quantitative and qualitative analyses on energy policy issues. Her team's analyses and recommendations contribute greatly to debates and policy making for Japan and international communities such as ERIA, APEC and IEA. The annual IEEJ's Outlook is globally recognized for its timely analyses and pragmatic approach towards climate change.

Yamashita has been serving as a member of various government councils and committees in the fields of energy and science & technologies. Recent examples include a committee on nuclear policies and WG on global warming countermeasures. She also led miscellaneous international and regional programs in the area of energy cooperation through IEA, APEC, ERIA and IPEEC. She is a visiting professor at Kyushu University. She served as the 2020 President of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) and continues to support IAEE activities.

She is married with two daughters and four adorable grand children. Her favorite way to spend weekend is gardening, especially with her moss garden ("koke-niwa") and roses.



Hirotaka ISHII

Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC),
Washington D.C. Office

Hirotaka Ishii is a general manager of Washington, D.C. office of Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC).

Prior to joining JOGMEC, he served at the Government of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry (METI), where he was recently in charge of drafting GX (Green Transformation) Decarbonization Power Supply Act, Hydrogen Society Promotion Act and Carbon dioxide Capture and Storage Business Act.

Ishii received his bachelor's degree of economics from Tokyo University in 2005. Also, he was a visiting fellow at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (Shorenstein APARC) for 2016-17.

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Christopher Elsner

Director

S&P Global Commodity Insights

Christopher Elsner is a Director for S&P Global Commodity Insights and leads the Executive Briefings service, which caters to executive teams, senior management, and Boards at the largest energy corporations as well as officials and analysts in governmental organizations globally. He possesses specialized knowledge of financial performance and corporate strategy of international oil and gas companies, global power firms, and the cleantech sector. Additionally, he routinely consults on the impact of financial flows on energy firm behavior, dynamics driving oil and gas markets at every level of the global supply chain, the developments within energy markets in a decarbonizing global economy as well as drivers of capital flows between various types of energy assets, firms and technologies, including the evolution of geopolitics within the broader energy transition.

Before arriving at S&P, he worked for the U.S. Department of Energy and the Energy Information Administration (EIA) as an International Energy Analyst. In this function, he concentrated on bilateral engagements with foreign governments, mainly from the Middle East and Central Asia. He also provided analysis of energy trends to the regional Combatant Commands (COCOMs), contributing to active strategic planning by the U.S. Department of Defense. As an analyst at the EIA, he covered both North America and the MENA region, providing analysis to other U.S. federal agencies, Congress and the White House. Elsner earned a BA from Kenyon College, an MA from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and an MBA from HEC Paris.”

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Jennifer SKLAREW

Assistant Professor

Department of Environmental Science
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George Mason University

Jennifer Sklarew brings 30 years of energy and environmental policymaking and analysis to her research and teaching. Specific focal areas for her qualitative research include sustainability and resilience challenges in the energy-water nexus, solutions that leverage food-energy-water-climate interdependencies, and energy system transitions in Japan, India, and China. NPR has quoted Dr. Sklarew as an expert on Japanese energy policymaking change. Her most recent work, a book published by Routledge, is *Building Resilient Energy Systems: Lessons from Japan*.

Dr. Sklarew's prior professional experience spans the public and private sectors. Prior to entering academia, she served in the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Japan, where she led her office's work on Japanese electricity and gas deregulation, as well as the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. Dr. Sklarew also served as a Mike Mansfield Fellow in various Japanese government agencies. Prior to entering the government, Dr. Sklarew worked as a DC-based energy policy consultant to Japanese utility companies, and as a policy analyst for the Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute.

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former rapporteur for the Council's Energy Security Group, Dr. Sklarew received her Ph.D. in public policy from George Mason University, her MA from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and her BA from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Naoyuki HARAOKA

Executive Managing Director

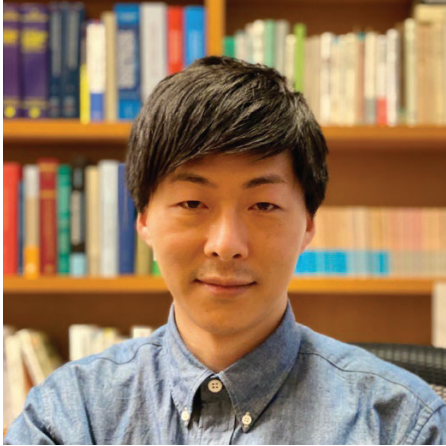
Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Naoyuki Haraoka has been Executive Managing Director of the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) since 2007. After graduating the University of Tokyo in 1978 (Bachelor of Economics), He joined MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) of Japanese government. Having been posted in the industrial policy section and the international trade policy section for a few years, he was enrolled in a two-year MPA (Master of Public Administration) programme at Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in the US on a Japanese government sponsorship.

After having acquired MPA at Princeton, he rejoined MITI in 1984 as an economist. Since then, he had been posted as Deputy Director and Director of a number of MITI divisions including Research Division of International Trade Policy Bureau. He was also posted in Paris twice, firstly, Principal Economist of Trade Bureau of OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) from 1988 to 92 and secondly Counselor to Japanese Delegation of OECD from 1996 to 99.

After coming back to MITI from his second stay in Paris, at the occasion of the government structural reform in 2001 when MITI was remodeled as METI (Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry), Haraoka joined the efforts to found METI research institute, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry as its Director of Administration. He became Chief Executive Director of JETRO San Francisco in 2003 and stayed in San Francisco until 2006. He was Director-General of METI Training Institute from 2006 until July 2007 when he left METI permanently.

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Kenta HIRAMI

Associate Professor
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Kenta Hirami is an associate professor at the Faculty of Global Studies, University of Nagasaki. His research is focused on Public International Law, International Economic Law and International Dispute Settlement. He holds a PhD in Law from Waseda University, Japan and an LLM from Waseda University.

Before joining University of Nagasaki in 2022, He was a post-doctoral Research Fellow of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) (2017-2020), an assistant professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University (2020-2022). He was also an official of the International Economic Dispute Settlement Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, representing the government of Japan in several World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes (2014-2016).

He currently serves as a member of working groups in several government ministries and agencies including Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry of Japan and Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry, Japan.

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Kiyoshi TANIGAWA

Executive Director
Keidanren USA

Kiyoshi Tanigawa is the Executive Director of Keidanren USA, as head of Keidanren's Washington DC office.

He leads its public affairs activities in strengthening the U.S.-Japan economic relationship.

Tanigawa joined Keidanren more than two decades ago and has engaged in public policy advocacy throughout his career. Prior to his current position, he was responsible for energy and climate change policy, deeply engaged in policymaking at both the national and international levels, as well as initiating various projects by the Japanese business community.

He is also noted for his expertise in such areas as industrial policy, regulatory reform, innovation, trade, and Asian affairs.

Tanigawa earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Tokyo, and holds master's degrees from the University of Tokyo, Columbia University, and the London School of Economics and Political Science, with scholarships from the Fulbright and Rotary Foundation.

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Ambassador Kenneth I. JUSTER

Ken Juster recently completed his service as the 25th U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of India (2017-2021). He is currently a Distinguished Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Juster has over 40 years of experience as a senior government official, business executive, and lawyer.

Ambassador Juster previously served in the U.S. government as Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs, on both the National Security Council and the National Economic Council (2017); Under Secretary of Commerce (2001-2005); Counselor (Acting) of the State Department (1992-1993); and Deputy and Senior Advisor to Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (1989-1992). In the private sector, he has been a partner at the global investment firm Warburg Pincus (2010-2017), a senior executive at Salesforce.com (2005-2010), and a senior partner at the law firm Arnold & Porter.

For his service as Ambassador, Juster received the State Department's Distinguished Service Award, the Defense Department's Distinguished Public Service Award, the Director of National Intelligence's Exceptional Service Award, and the Energy Department's Excellence Award.

Ambassador Juster holds a law degree from the Harvard Law School, a Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government (PhiBeta Kappa) from Harvard College.

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Ambassador David B. SHEAR

Senior Advisor

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David Shear was the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs from September 2014 to June 2016. He served as Ambassador to Vietnam 2011 to 2013. Ambassador Shear served for 32 years in the American Foreign Service.

He has also served in Sapporo, Beijing, Tokyo, and Kuala Lumpur. In Washington, he has served in the Offices of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean Affairs and as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. He was Director of the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs in 2008-2009 and served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs in 2009-2011. He was a Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University's institute for the Study of Diplomacy 1998-99. He is the recipient of the State Department's Superior Honor Award and the Defense Department's Civilian Meritorious Service Award for his work in U.S.-Japan defense relations.

Ambassador Shear graduated from Earlham College and has a Master's degree in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins University (SAIS). He has attended Waseda University, Taiwan National University, and Nanjing University. He and his wife Barbara have a first-degree rank in the practice of Kendo, or Japanese fencing. He speaks Chinese and Japanese.

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Hideaki FUJISAWA

Minister
Economic Section, Embassy of Japan

Minister Hideaki Fujisawa has mainly taken charge of various international policy areas, including economic relations with Southeast Asian and Pacific countries (director, Asia and Pacific Division), as well as Middle East (first secretary, Embassy of Japan in Iran and senior deputy director, Middle East & Africa Division and international negotiations on energy and environmental policies).

In this capacity, he had been in charge of planning a wide range of trade policies in METI since July 2021. He is currently serving as minister of Economy, Trade, Industry/Business and Energy at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C.

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David E. SANGER

White House and National Security
Correspondent for The New York
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David E. Sanger has reported for The New York Times for more than four decades, serving on three teams that have won the Pulitzer Prize.

He has served as Tokyo Bureau Chief, Chief Economic Correspondent, Chief Washington Correspondent and White House Correspondent, and written four books on American national security. The most recent, written with Mary Brooks, was a New York Times bestseller in April 2024: *New Cold Wars: China's Rise, Russia's Invasion and America's Struggle to Save the West*.

He has also served as executive producer for two HBO documentaries: "The Perfect Weapon," based on his book by the same name on cyber conflict, and "Year One," an examination of President Biden's first two years in office. With Graham T. Allison Jr., he co-teaches "Central Challenges in American National Security, Strategy and the Press" at the Kennedy School of Government.

A 1982 graduate of Harvard College, Sanger was the first senior fellow in The Press and National Security at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard. He is also a national security contributor to CNN.