

Japan Patent Office



Name: HAMANO Koichi

Position: Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

1989 Bachelor's degree, Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo
1989 Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
1995-1996 Studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
2007-2008 Director for Personnel Affairs, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2008-2009 Counselor for Personnel Affairs, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2009-2010 Director, Corporate Finance and Tax Affairs Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency
2010 Director, Industrial Machinery Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau, METI
2010-2011 Executive Assistant to the Minister, METI
2011 Director, Finance Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency
2011-2012 Counselor for Energy Policy, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2012-2015 Director, Policy Planning Division, Natural Resources and Fuel Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
2015-2016 Director, Budget and Accounts Division, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2016-2018 Executive Vice President, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
2018 Advisor, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
2018-2020 Councillor, Cabinet Secretariat, Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary's Office
2020-2022 Director-General, Kanto Bureau of Economy Trade and Industry, METI
Director-General, Regional Economic and Industrial Policy Group, Economic and Industry Policy Bureau, METI
2022- Present Commissioner (JPO)



Name: YASUDA Futos

Position: Director General, Trial and Appeal Department, Japan Patent Office

April 1991 Joined JPO and worked at the Electric Power Distribution Sub-Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 1997 Patent Information Quality Management Office, Patent Information Policy Planning Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department
July 2000 Visiting Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara
July 2001 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2003 Deputy Director, General Coordination Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department
April 2004 Examiner, Data Processing Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 2005 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
July 2007 Assistant Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
April 2009 Director, Examination Policy Planning Office, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2011 Director, Transfer Control Office, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 2012 Counselor, Secretariat of the Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat
April 2014 Director, Examination Promotion Office, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2016 Senior Director, Transmission Systems Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
July 2018 Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2020 Director General, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
April 2021 Director General, Patent and Design Examination Department
July 2022 Director General, Trial and Appeal Department (Present)

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Name: TAMURA Kiyoko

Position: Executive Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, Japan Patent Office

April 1990 Joined the Japan Patent Office (Medical Science Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science))

April 1994 Examiner

October 1995 Administrative Officer, Administrative Affairs Division

December 1998 United States Patent and Trademark Office

October 2002 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO (the 22nd Board of Appeal)

October 2004 Senior Examiner, Organic Chemistry Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

October 2005 Judicial Research Official, Tokyo District Court

January 2009 Associate Managing Examiner, Medical Science Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

April 2010 Director, Pharmaceutical Compounds Sub-Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2013 Director, Biotechnology Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2015 Director, Examination Standards Office, Administrative Affairs Division

July 2017 Chief Administrative Judge, the 24th Board of Appeal

July 2019 Director of the Board of Trial and Appeal, the 25th Board of Appeal

January 2022 Executive Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department