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1990 Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at Nagoya University

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1992 Appointed as a Public Prosecutor at the Tokyo District Prosecutors Office, and then served at several District Public Prosecutors Office, the Criminal Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the Secretarial Division, Minister's Secretariat of the MOJ, etc.

2017 Director of the General Affairs Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

2017 Director of the Special Investigation Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

2020 Chief Prosecutor of the Tsu District Public Prosecutors Office

2021 Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

2023 Director-General of the Criminal Affairs Department, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office

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2015 Official, Office of Economic Partnership, CTB

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