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EDUCATION:

BS Astronomy, 1978, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
MS Astronomy, 1980, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
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PRESENT POSITION:

Director General, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ),
National Institutes of Natural Sciences (since 2018 April 1)

PRIOR POSITIONS:

1983-1986 Post Doctoral Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
(Institute of Space and Astronautical Sciences: ISAS), Tokyo
1986-1988 Assistant Professor, Tokyo Astronomical Observatory,
University of Tokyo
1988-1992 Assistant Professor, Institute of Astronomy, University of Tokyo
1992-1996 Associate Professor, Institute of Astronomy, University of Tokyo
1996-2013 Professor, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan
2013-2018 Director General, Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS)
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

AWARDS:

Inoue Medal for Sciences, 1995, Inoue Science Foundation, Japan
The Hayashi Chushiro Prize, 2009, Astronomical Society of Japan
Honorary Fellow, 2010, University College London (UCL), UK
Honorary Fellow, 2011, Royal Astronomical Society (RAS), UK
Japan Academy Prize, 2019, The Japan Academy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1985-1991 Deputy Principal Investigator, Soft X-ray Telescope aboard
ISAS SOLAR-A (Yohkoh) mission
1995-1998 Principal Investigator, XUV Doppler Telescope aboard ISAS sounding rocket
1998-2002 Principal Investigator, Hard X-ray Spectrometer aboard ISAS balloon
experiment
1998-2006 Principal Investigator, Solar Optical Telescope and spacecraft Co-Manager,
ISAS/JAXA SOLAR-B (Hinode) mission
2007-2013 Chair, ISAS/JAXA SOLAR-C working group
2011-2012 Japan Principal Investigator, Chromospheric Lyman-Alpha
Spectro-Polarimeter (CLASP) aboard NASA sounding rocket
2011-2013 Chair, ISAS/JAXA Steering committee for Space Science

- 2011-2015 Member, Editorial Committee, Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics
- 2012-2014 Member, External Advisory Committee, High Altitude Observatory, National Center of Atmospheric Research, USA
- 2012-2019 Member, Scientific Advisory Council, The Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC), Spain
- 2018- Member, JAXA space science council
- 2018- Member and Designated Representative from Japan, TMT (Thirty Meter Telescope) International Observatory Board of Directors
- 2018- Member, ALMA (Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array) Board
- 2019- Member, Cabinet Office Committee on National Space Policy, Sub-Committee on Basic Policy
- 2019- Vice-chair, Cabinet Office Committee on National Space Policy, Space Science and Exploration Panel
- 2021- Member, Solar Observatory Council, Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA), USA,
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