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I studied computer science at University of Electro-Communications, education at the Graduate School of Education in Harvard University, and cognitive psychology at the Graduate School of Education in the University of Tokyo.

I am engaged in promoting human resources, communication, and networking from a wide range of knowledge and experience in computer, education, and cognitive science.

I have lived in Hakodate, Hokkaido for more than 15 years after moving from Tokyo. I am a big fan of Hakodate because of its climate, food, and culture. I was a member of planning committee of Future University Hakodate and National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan). After the foundation of those, I became a professor at the university (2000 - present) and a deputy director at the museum (2003- 2006).

In 2008, I established Science Support Hakodate, a voluntary association for promoting science communication and developing science literacy of citizens. I also established Hakodate Herb Study Group for developing regional brand products by enhancing industry-academia-government-citizen collaboration in 2010.

In 2013 I was appointed as a member of the governors of NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) which term is three years. The governors are approved by both houses of the Diet on behalf of the people of Japan and are appointed by the Prime Minister. Also I am member of several government councils related to education, science and technology, and trustee of Nissan Global Foundation.

My selected books are, "An Encouragement of RIKEJO-ish Life" (Iwanami Shoten) and "Designing Future Learning: Space, Activity, and Community" (University of Tokyo Press). Both books are written in Japanese.

I was awarded the Science and Technology Prize 2014 of the Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

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