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1999-2009 Director-General of UNESCO
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1992-1994 Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (Sherpa for Japan at the G-7 Summit)
1990-1992 Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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1985-1988 Consul General of Japan in Hong Kong
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1972-1974 Assumed various posts at the central administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1968-1972 Second Secretary, then First Secretary of the Japanese Delegation to the OECD, Paris
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1961-1963 Third Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Ghana; also accredited to other countries in West Africa

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1959-1961 Faculty of Economics, Haverford College, USA
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2009 *Africa* (in Japanese)
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1998 *Japanese Diplomacy at the Dawn of the 21st Century* (in French)
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