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Professional Experience

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE SUPERVISORS (IAIS), Basel, June 2003- present

Secretary General

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE SUPERVISORS (IAIS), Basel, June 1998- May 2003

Deputy Secretary General

POLISH GOVERNMENT, Warsaw, 1995-1998

Advisor to the Minister of Finance and the President of the Insurance Supervisory Authority

OECD, Paris, 1991-1995

Secretariat for the Insurance Committee

TOKIO MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE CO., Tokyo, 1989-1990

Deputy Director

MINISTRY OF LABOUR, Tokyo, 1987-1989

Manager

TOKIO MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE CO., Tokyo, 1983-1987

Area Manager

Education

CITY UNIVERSITY London, 1996-2000

PhD degree

PhD thesis: The reform of insurance supervisory systems for economies in transition

INSEAD, Fontainebleau, 1990-1991

M.B.A. degree

Specialisation in Economics and Finance

UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, Tokyo, 1979-83

BA degree in Education and Sociology

Official Publications, Documents

- *Convergence of international regulatory framework* (November 2005, Songaihoken Kenkyu, no67-3, Japan)

- *International convergence of solvency assessment* (September 2005, Solvency II Handbook, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

- *IAIS and Recent Developments in Insurance Regulation* (January 2005, The Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance Volume 30)

- *The IAIS – Taking stock and Looking at the Challenges ahead* (October 2004, Asian

Insurance Review)

- *IAIS recent developments* (September 2003, Asian Insurance Review)
- *A strategy for reinforcing the international financial system and tasks for the Japanese financial sector* (May 2001, Songaihoken Kenkyu, no63-1, Japan)
- *Stability of the Japanese Financial System* (April 2001, Nihon Keizai Shinbun - Japanese economics journal)
- *A new international financial architecture and the role of the IAIS* (February 2000, Songaihoken Kenkyu, no61-4, Japan)
- *The Reform of Insurance supervisory systems for economies in transition with particular reference to Poland* (January 2000, Ph.D. thesis, City University, UK)
- *Introduction to the IAIS* (October 1998, Finance, Japan)
- *Recent Development of Insurance Markets in Central and Eastern Europe* (January 1998, State Office of Insurance Supervision, Poland)
- *Integration of Central and Eastern European countries into the EU insurance market* (October 1997, Polish Ministry of Finance)
- *Reform of Insurance Systems in economies in transition* (April 1997, OECD)
- *Regulatory and supervisory systems in transitional insurance markets* (April 1997, OECD)
- *Importance of 1999 and 2002 for the Polish insurance industry* (April 1997, Rzeczpospolita Polish economics journal)
- *Insurance reform in Poland* (February 1997, International Co-operation, Japan)
- *The necessary strict supervision of the Polish insurance market* (June 1996, Rzeczpospolita)
- *The European insurance system* (May 1995, Yuhikaku -Japanese publisher)
- *Insurance regulation - an expert's view* (October 1994, OECD)
- *Major insurance policy issues in transitional markets* (May 1994, OECD)
- *Solvency control* (March 1994, Japanese economics and finance journal)
- *Insurance statistics yearbooks* (1983-1990), (1984-1991), (1985-1992), (1986-1993) (OECD)

Other Experience

Ranked among top ten of all Japanese school tennis players
Marathon(42.2km) runner (best record: three hours sixteen minutes)

Personal Background

Native Japanese speaker. Fluent in English and French and Spanish. 47 years old. Married.