

MASAFUMI SHUKURI

Chairman, Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute (JTTRI)

Masafumi Shukuri is the Chairman of the Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute (JTTRI), the parent organization of the Japan International Transport Institute, USA (JITI), appointed in June 2018. His experience in the field of transportation is over 40 years and, prior to taking this appointment, he held the position of the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan from 2008 to 2012.

Mr. Shukuri entered the service of the Ministry of Transport (presently MLIT) in 1974 and has held many important positions since then. Before the Vice-Minister appointment, he had been working as the Private Secretary to the Minister of Transport, as the Senior Deputy Director-General of the Civil Aviation Bureau, as the Director-General of the Road Transport Bureau, as the Director-General of the Policy Bureau, and as the Deputy Vice-Minister of the Minister's Secretariat of MLIT.

Presently, he is the Visiting Professor of the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo. Since April 2014, Mr. Shukuri has served as the Chairman of the International High-speed Rail Association (IHRA).

Mr. Shukuri's career also includes a diplomatic posting as First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia from 1984 to 1987. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Tokyo in 1974.