

Mr. SHUKURI Masafumi

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Mr. SHUKURI Masafumi has over 50 years of distinguished experience in transportation policy and administration. Since 2014, he has served as Chairman of the International High-Speed Rail Association, promoting international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and advancement of high-speed rail technologies. Since 2018, he has also been Chairman of the Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute, leading research, policy development, and sustainable approaches to transport and tourism in Japan and abroad.

He began his career in 1974 after earning a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Tokyo and joining the Ministry of Transport (now the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, MLIT). Over his career, he held senior positions including First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, Private Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Counsellor at the Cabinet Legislation Bureau, Director-General of the Road Transport Bureau, Director-General of the Policy Bureau, and Deputy Vice-Minister of the Minister's Secretariat. From 2008 to 2012, he served as Vice-Minister of MLIT, playing a central role in shaping national transportation policy.

Since 2013, he has been Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Public Policy, and since 2021, Chairman of the Japan Maritime Center.

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