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Born in Ishikawa Prefecture in Japan in 1944 and raised in Toyama Prefecture, Mr. Yachi graduated from Toyama Chubu High School in 1962. He entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after completing his undergraduate degree in law at the University of Tokyo and his master's degree in law at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Law.

After joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he completed a master's degree at the Fletcher School of Law, Tufts University, and then moved to the U.S. as a research fellow for the Harvard Institute of International Affairs.

He later served as Consul General in Los Angeles in 1996, Director General of the Treaty Bureau in 1999, Director General of the General Foreign Policy Bureau in 2001, and Assistant Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary in 2002, before being appointed Deputy Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2005.

After retiring from the same position in 2008, he served as Special Advisor to the Cabinet from 2012-14, and as the first Secretary General of National Security Secretariat from 2014-19.

In April 2020, he was appointed President of Fujitsu Future Studies Center, and continues to serve in this capacity presently.