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Prior to joining JCIE/USA in April 2021, Kazuyo served as Senior Director of Global Partnerships & Initiatives at Japan Society in New York to organize online initiatives and partnership programs to develop funding support and the society's network across the country and in Japan. Previous to that, she worked for over five years at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA in Washington DC, where she last served as Director of Programs and Administration and developed the organization's signature delegation and outreach programs on US-Japan relations as well as oversaw all of its operational functions. Earlier, she worked for the US-Japan Exchange Program at Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Tokyo (2010–2014) and the International Security Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington (2003–2007), and engaged in international consulting business.

Kazuyo graduated from Stanford University with a BA in International Relations and an MA in International Policy Studies. She has a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University's Continuing Studies Program, and is a Cohort V member of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation US-Japan Network for the Future program.