



# Admiral Shohei Ishii

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ISHII Shohei is currently serves as Advisor to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT). He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1988 with a degree in law, marking the start of a distinguished career in public service. Over the years, he has held a series of increasingly senior roles within MLIT and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG), contributing to both national security and infrastructure development.

His early career involved key policy roles, including as First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Mexico, where he was involved in strengthening Japan's diplomatic relations and engaging in policy discussions on international cooperation. This assignment added a global dimension to his expertise.

In the years that followed, he transitioned into high-level roles within MLIT and the JCG. He led major infrastructure initiatives, playing a central role in advancing Japan's transportation systems. As Senior Deputy Director-General of the Railway Bureau, he oversaw significant railway projects. Additionally, he played a key role in the national effort to prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During his time at the JCG, his leadership as Commander of the 5th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters and later as Vice Commandant of the JCG was instrumental in safeguarding Japan's maritime interests and ensuring the security of critical sea lanes. From June 2022 to June 2024, he served as Commandant of the JCG, where he navigated complex challenges in maritime security and international collaboration. He chaired the 3rd Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) held in Tokyo in 2023, which was attended by representatives of 96 coast guard agencies and international organizations. His tenure was marked by efforts to strengthen Japan's maritime presence and ensure the stability of its maritime routes.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service, with a focus on enhancing Japan's national security and infrastructure in an ever-changing global landscape.



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