

Yamauchi, Yoshimitsu (Japan)

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Curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	YAMAUCHI	
FIRST NAME:	Yoshimitsu	
MIDDLE NAME:	-	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	12 January 1966	
NATIONALITY:	Japanese	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Asia/Pacific	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Japanese	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written)	(oral)
- OTHERS	Spanish : (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
04/1984 – 03/1988 - <i>Institution:</i> Sophia University, Japan - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Bachelor of Arts in Law		
04/1993 – 03/1995 - <i>Institution:</i> Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan - <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i> Bar qualification		

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)*
- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed
- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate

08/2025 – Present

- *Employer:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- *Post title:* Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation
- *Other information:* In charge of promoting international cooperation in the field of justice.

07/2026 – Present

- *Employer:* Supreme Public Prosecutors Offices, Japan
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* Provides advice and instructions to General/Special investigation department of District/High Public Prosecutors Offices nationwide on any crime investigations.

12/2023 – 06/2026

- *Employer:* United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI)
- *Post title:* Director
- *Other information:* Served as the head of UNAFEI which focuses on capacity-building and research initiatives for criminal justice practitioners of Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Europe, aimed at strengthening fair, effective, and accountable criminal justice systems worldwide through organizing various international training seminars.

06/2022 – 12/2023

- *Employer:* Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office
- *Post title:* Chief Prosecutor, Head of Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office
- *Other information:* Led the investigations and trials within its jurisdiction. Instructed dispositions of approximately 2,000 cases per year by providing instruction and guidance to more than 80 staff prosecutors and assistants in the office.

09/2021 – 06/2022

- *Employer:* Supreme Public Prosecutors Office
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* Handled appellate cases at the Supreme Court including cybercrime, indecent assault and drug crime.
Advised district prosecutors on handling complex and difficult lay judge cases.
Instructed Public Security Divisions of the Prosecutors' Offices nationwide on strengthening investigative efforts to combat money laundering.

	Provided advice and guidance to district prosecutors in charge of organized crime investigations.
02/2018 – 09/2021	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Ministry of Justice, Japan
- <i>Post title:</i>	Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice for International Affairs and Human Rights
- <i>Other information:</i>	Responsible for international activities under the Ministry of Justice of Japan (MOJ), especially advancing Justice Affairs Diplomacy—a policy promoting values such as the rule of law and respect for fundamental human rights within the international community—and successfully prepared and hosted the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the largest international conference in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in Kyoto, Japan and brought together more than 5,000 participants from around the world. Also responsible for investigation and remedy procedures for human rights violation cases, human rights consultation services and human rights awareness-raising initiatives led by the Human Rights Bureau of the MOJ.
10/2015 – 02/2018	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
- <i>Post title:</i>	Director
- <i>Other information:</i>	Responsible for the work of the International Affairs Division, which serves as the central authority for various Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) as well as the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). In charge of overseeing the handling of MLA and extradition requests as well as representing Japan at international negotiations and conferences in criminal matters such as the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), OECD Working Group on Bribery, FATF, and G7 Roma -Lyon Group.
01/2014 – 10/2015	
- <i>Employer:</i>	Special Investigation Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
- <i>Post title:</i>	Prosecutor
- <i>Other information:</i>	As a lead prosecutor for economic cases of the Special Investigation Department which specializes in independent investigations of high-profile economic cases, led the investigation and prosecuted various financial cases including foreign bribery committed by a Japanese company in 3 countries by collecting evidence from overseas stock price manipulation, securities fraud and money laundering cases.
01/2011 – 01/2014	
- <i>Employer:</i>	International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
- <i>Post title:</i>	Senior Attorney

- *Other information:* Handled numerous MLA and extradition cases including piracy against a Japanese tanker off the coast of Somalia, complex money laundering cases across multiple continents and represented the MOJ at international conferences organized by the United Nations, G7 Roma-Lyon Group, FATF, and OECD, contributing to the development of effective cross-border frameworks against transnational organized crime and corruption.

04/2009 – 01/2011

- *Employer:* Special Investigation Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
- *Post title:* Prosecutor
- *Other information:* As prosecutor in the Special Investigation Department that investigates white collar crime, handled investigations into various white-collar cases including securities fraud, bribery of local government officials, tax evasion, bid-rigging and violations of company law.
Also led the pursuit of a tax evasion suspect who escaped overseas and succeeded in locating and extraditing the fugitive to Japan.

07/2005 – 07/2008

- *Employer:* Japanese Embassy in the United States of America
- *Post title:* First Secretary
- *Other information:* Served as legal attaché of Japan, acting as a focal point for cooperation and coordination with the US Department of Justice and facilitated MLA and extradition cases between Japan and the US. Researched the US legal system to assist the Ministry's drafting of various criminal legislation.
Advised the MOJ on the drafting of the "Act on Cooperation with the International Criminal Court", Japan's law to implement the Rome Statute.

06/2001 – 07/2005, 08/2008 – 04/2009

- *Employer:* International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
- *Post title:* Attorney
- *Other information:* Handled various high-profile MLA cases and extradition requests including a murder case in international waters that led to the amendment of the jurisdiction provision of the Penal code, a prominent money laundering case that led to the first asset sharing from Switzerland to Japan and robbery murder of an entire family of four where the perpetrator was arrested in both Japan and China as well as representing Japan at international negotiations and conferences in criminal matters such as the CCPCJ, OECD Working Group on Bribery, and G8 Roma -Lyon Group. Notably, represented the MOJ in the negotiation of the first MLAT by Japan with the US and concluded the negotiation and drafted the implementing domestic law which paved the way for the MOJ being the central authority for future MLATs. Participated in the negotiation of an MLAT with the Republic of Korea. Served as a member of the Japanese delegation to negotiate the UNCAC.

06/1995 – 06/2001

- *Employer:* District Prosecutors Office (Tokyo, Chiba, Nagasaki, Osaka)

- <i>Post title:</i> - <i>Other information:</i>	Prosecutor In charge of conducting investigations and trials, including, among others, violent crimes such as murder, robbery, robbery murder, gang-rape and other gang-related violence, kidnapping and assault, and financial crimes such as fraud, bid-rigging and bribery of local government officials.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed

(International Activities)**08/2025**

Activity: Participated and supported the side event of the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9): “Strengthening Future Cooperation between African Countries and Japan in the Field of Law and Justice” in Yokohama, Japan.

02/2022, 06/2024, 06/2025

Activity: Facilitated three meetings of the Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific (CRIM-AP), Working Group on Mutual Legal Assistance, which brought together central authorities of 18 countries in the Asia Pacific region to compile a practical handbook of each country’s law and practices in the field of mutual legal assistance.

05-2021 – 06/2021

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the 4th Mutual Evaluation of Japan by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to achieve a higher rating for Japan.

03/2021

Activity: Organized and participated as a speaker in the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto, Japan (Kyoto Congress) and chaired the 13th meeting of the Plenary.

08/2019

Activity: Attended the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) in Yokohama, Japan.

11/2018 – 03/2021

Activity: Appointed as Executive Director of the Kyoto Congress National Executive Committee, made preparations to host the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto, Japan (Kyoto Congress), headed the Japanese delegation in all five regional preparatory meetings for the Kyoto Congress held in Bangkok, Santiago, Beirut, Addis Ababa and Vienna, and headed the Japanese delegation in the negotiation to draft the political declaration (Kyoto Declaration).

09/2017

Activity: Organized and participated in the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Asset Recovery Interagency Network for Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP) in Tokyo, Japan.

10/2014

Activity: Participated as speaker in the session “International Cooperation” in the Regional Meeting on Curbing Foreign Bribery in ASEAN Economic Community organized by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

09/2013

Activity: Participated in the 2nd Preparatory Meeting to develop the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network in Asia and the Pacific (ARIN-AP) in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

06/2013

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Oslo, Norway.

10/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Paris, France.

09/2012

Activity: Moderated a session on “International cooperation for the purpose of asset recovery” at the 1st Arab Forum on Asset Recovery in Doha, Qatar.

06/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Rome, Italy.

02/2012

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary Meeting in Paris, France.

2012 - 2015

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the Council of Europe, Cybercrime Convention Committee (TC-Y) 7th 8th 9th 10th 14th Plenary Meetings in Strasbourg, France.

2008 – 2009, 2011 - 2013, 2015 - 2017

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation in the OECD Plenary Meetings of the Working Group on Bribery in Paris, France and contributed to the evaluations of other member countries and worked on the Phase 3 and Phase 3 Follow up Reports on Japan.

06/2005

Activity: Attended the G8 Justice/Internal Affairs Ministerial Meeting in Sheffield, UK, as a member of the Japanese delegation.

05/2003

Activity: Attended the G8 Justice/Internal Affairs Ministerial Meeting in Paris, France, as a member of the Japanese delegation.

2002 - present

Activity: Participated as a member of the Japanese delegation and made statements and negotiated resolutions in the 11th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 33rd, 34th sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations (CCPCJ) in Vienna, Austria.

(Domestic Activities)**2021 – 2022**

Activity: Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), Qualification Review Committee Member (All private attorneys must be registered in JFBA to practice law. This Committee decides whether to allow admission/license to JFBA.)

2016 - 2017

Activity: Prosecutors and Notaries Public Appointment Committee Member (in charge of Examination of Prosecutors)

2015 - 2018

Activity: Adjunct Lecturer, Keio University (Criminal Law)

2011 - 2014

Activity: Member of the National Bar Examination Committee (Constitutional Law) (Committee members are appointed by the Minister of Justice from academics and practicing lawyers to administer the Bar exam of Japan.)

2011

Activity: Member of the National Bar Examination Committee (Intellectual Property Law)

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Issues Concerning the Collection of Evidence Located Overseas (Investigative Research, 2016)
- International Cooperation in Criminal Proceedings (Jurist Special Edition, Issues in Code of Criminal Procedure, 2013)

- Act to Amend Part of the International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act and the Act on Punishment of Organized Crimes and Regulation of Crime Proceeds (Contemporary Criminal Law, 2004)
MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS
- Remarks/Lectures/Presentations as Director of UNAFEI at the UNAFEI International Training Seminar on the following themes in Tokyo, Japan: - “Detecting Corruption – Learning from Successful Methods, Practices and Techniques” (October 2025) - “Current Challenges and Effective Countermeasures in the Fight Against Money Laundering” (May 2025) - “Criminal Justice Issues Regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism” (January 2025) - “Strengthening Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Corruption, and Public-Private Partnership” (October 2024) - “Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Creating a Rehabilitative Prison Environment” (September 2024) - “Countermeasures against trafficking in persons, with a focus on trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation” (May 2024) - “Management of Correctional Institutions in the 21st Century – with a focus on the Nelson Mandela Rules” (January 2024) - Other contributions at invited seminars in 2025: - Keynote Presentation at the 12th Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice International Forum (KICJIF) “Strengthening International Cooperation in Response to Transnational Organized Crime” in Seoul, Republic of Korea (October 2025) - Keynote Presentation at the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation 2025 Colloquium “Reducing Reoffending, in particular promoting United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending” in Tokyo, Japan (October 2025) - Presentation “International Criminal Law and International Criminal Court” at the Tokyo International Law Seminar 2025 in Tokyo, Japan (August 2025) - Lecture at the 1st UNODC – UNAFEI Pacific Island Countries and Territories Training Programme “Effective Investigative Techniques for Combating Transnational Organized Crime” in Tokyo, Japan (August 2025) - Presentation at the side event of the 34th Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations (CCPCJ): “Birth of New UN Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending” in Vienna, Austria (May 2025)
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES
Member of International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation (IPPF) Board Member of The Friends of LAWASIA Association in Japan Board Member of Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF)
AWARDS AND HONOURS

PERSONAL INTERESTS
Science Fiction, Fine Arts, Music, Sports
OTHER RELEVANT FACTS