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**Current Position**

Staff, National Policy and Strategic Studies Office, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force

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**Working Experience (principal)**

1997 Entering JMSDF

1998 Overseas training cruise (North and South America)

1998~ Assigned as junior operations officer etc. on several destroyers

2003 Operations Staff, Training Squadron Headquarters

2004 Navigator, Destroyer Mineyuki

2007 Equipment Officer, Navigator (after commission), Aegis Destroyer Atago

2011~ Current position

**Education**

Bachelor of International Relations, National Defense Academy, Japan (1997)

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