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He joined JFSA in July 2008. Since then, he was tasked to deal with a number of global regulatory initiatives, as well as to supervise Japan's G-SIFIs.

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