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Outside activities include speaking and/or moderating activities at numerous international conferences as well as domestic conferences/seminars in Japan. Presently, he serves as Vice President of LES Japan, Co-Vice Chair of Membership Committee and Co-Vice Chair of Investment Committee of LES International. His past-activities include Co-Chair of Investment Committee of LES International, Chair of RIKEN Cluster for Innovation Advisory Council (RCIAC) (Japan) (2011), Director of Industrial Property Cooperation Center (Japan) (2003 – 2008), Councilor of Japan Patent Information Organization (1999 – 2008), Councilor of Council for Deliberation of Yamagata University's Faculty of Engineering (Japan) (2004 - 2008), Member of Committee on Intellectual Property and Sub-Committee on Policy Planning of Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) (2003 - 2007), Managing Director (2000 - 2001) and Auditor (2003 - 2004) of Japan Intellectual Property Association, Member of Working Group for the Promotion of Technology Transfer and for the Practice of Technology Transfer under the Consortium on Management and Technology of Japan Techno-Economics Society (1977 - 1980), and Member of Study Committee for Strategic Management of Intellectual Property of Japan Business Research Institute (1999 - 2006).