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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Oct 2020 - Present	Director General, Middle East and Europe Dept, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Sep 2015 - Sep 2020	Adviser, Chief Economist Office, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank
Apr 2012 - Sep 2015	Chief Representative, Egypt and Yemen Offices, JICA
Apr 2011 - Apr 2012	Team Leader - Fukushima and Iwate prefecture, Japan Platform (Non-Governmental Organization specialized in humanitarian aid)
Oct 2008 - Apr 2011	Director, Middle East Division II (Iraq, Iran, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan), Middle East and Europe Dept JICA Headquarters
Jan 2007 - Oct 2008	Director, Middle East Division, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
Jun 2005 - Dec 2006	Resident Representative, Jordan Office, JBIC
Jul 2003 - May 2005	Senior Adviser, Iraq Office and Iraq Unit, Regional Bureau of Arab States, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Jul 2001 - Jun 2003	Deputy Director, Middle East & South Asia Operation Dept (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iran), JBIC
Jul 2000 - Jul 2001	Assistant Director, Development Assistance Strategy Dept, JBIC
Aug 1997 - Jul 2000	Representative, Sri Lanka Office, JBIC
Aug 1995 - Jul 1997	Country Officer, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh Operation Department, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF)
Apr 1991 - Jun 1993	Loan Officer, Loan Administration Department, OECF

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1993 - 1995	Master of Arts (MA), School of Advanced International Studies Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC
1986 - 1991	Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
1989 - 1990	Exchange Student, Political Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

PUBLICATIONS (of past five years)

<i>"The Reconstruction of Iraq after 2003 – Learning from Its Successes and Failures"</i>	World Bank Group, April 2019:- https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/31709
<i>"How to Fill the Implementation Gap for Inclusive Growth: Case Studies Covering Urban Transportation Sector Development in Egypt"</i>	Brookings Institute, March 2015 (with Mayada Magdy) Chapter in "The Arab Spring Five Years After":- http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2015/03/31- implementation-gap-inclusive-growth-matsunaga-magdy

BIOGRAPHY

MATSUNAGA Hideki has assumed the post of Director General, Middle East and Europe Department of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Oct 2020. Prior to the current post, Matsunaga was working for the World Bank as Adviser to the Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa from Sep 2015 to Sep 2020. Matsunaga has served in numerous professional and management positions for Japanese bilateral aid agencies, JICA and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). For over twenty years, Matsunaga worked in the Middle Eastern and South Asian countries such as Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Matsunaga has been engaged in many reconstruction initiatives including Iraq where he started to engage in the reconstruction efforts from the time of the military invasion in 2003 until 2011. After the earthquake and tsunami took place in Japan in March 2011, Matsunaga served as team leader for Fukushima and Iwate region of Japan under the umbrella of Japan Platform, a Japanese disaster relief non-governmental organization dedicated to providing humanitarian relief and recovery. He recently published a book titled “The Reconstruction of Iraq after 2003 – Learning from Its Successes and Failures.” Matsunaga holds M.A. from School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.