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Yosuke Kita (Director, Global Health Strategy Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA))

Dr. Yosuke Kita has over a decade of experience in public and global health. As of August 2024, he serves as Director of the Global Health Strategy Division at the International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan. After joining the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, he engaged in HIV/AIDS control, revision of the Immunization Act, and reform of the Long-Term Care Insurance system. He later served at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva, working on malaria control and related programs. During his secondment to the Yamaguchi Prefectural Government, he contributed to health and medical policy in the Department of Health and Welfare. Since 2019, he has served as Senior Coordinator for Global Health Affairs at the Ministry, and during the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, he was involved in the response to the Diamond Princess cruise ship. From 2020, he served as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, leading negotiations on health-related agendas, including the UN General Assembly High-Level Meetings (2023: UHC, PPR, TB), and as Vice-Chair of the 57th Commission on Population and Development. He has held his current position since August 2024. He is a medical doctor and holds Master's degrees in Public Health from Yale University and in Public Administration from Harvard University.



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Mr. Takahashi has been in his current position since July 2024. In his capacity, he oversees global health cooperation policy of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2006 and has engaged in the Japan-U.S. economic relations, Japan's development cooperation to South Asian countries, international trade policies, Japan-South America relations and the operation and management support for Japan's overseas establishments at its headquarters, while contributing to the further deepening of the Japan-Vietnam relations at the Embassy of Japan in Vietnam. He received his undergraduate degree in law from the University of Tokyo and earned the degrees of Master of Public Policy from the University of Tokyo, LL.M. from Georgetown University, and M.A. in Regional Studies: East Asia from Columbia University.



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He holds a Ph.D. in health science from the School of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo. After working on projects such as strengthening health systems in Sierra Leone at the AMDA-MINDS NGO, he researched community healthcare and healthcare for foreign nationals as an assistant professor in the Department of Public Health at the School of Medicine, Dokkyo Medical University in Japan. Since 2021, he has been involved in JCIE's "Global Health and Human Security" program. He specializes in the intersection of development economics, social epidemiology, and global health, and is also interested in incorporating insights from the humanities into these fields.