

Resignation and appointment of the President

The Japan Foundation (JF) announces that Mr. UMEMOTO Kazuyoshi has resigned as President and has been succeeded by Mr. KUROSAWA Shinya.

1. Details

UMEMOTO Kazuyoshi, President of the Japan Foundation has resigned on March 31, 2024. KUROSAWA Shinya assumed office as the President of the Japan Foundation on April 1, 2024. (The term of office is from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027.)

2. Curriculum Vitae

KUROSAWA "Billy" Shinya

Professional Experience

July 2023 - March 2024: JTB Corp. Senior Corporate Adviser
January 2019 - March 2023: JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. President & CEO
April 2016 - December 2018: JTB Pte Ltd (JTB Asia Pacific Headquarters) President & CEO
April 2011 - March 2016: JTB Corp. Head of Global Business Unit Headquarters
Executive Officer/Board Member
June 2008 - March 2011: JTB Corp. Head of New Business Development Division
JTB Business Innovators Corp. President & CEO

Personal Information

Date of Birth: March 6, 1961
Education: March 1984, Bachelor of Policy, and Planning Sciences
University of Tsukuba College of Policy and Planning Sciences

Message from the new President:



I have assumed the office of President of the Japan Foundation. As evidenced by the recent resurgence in tourism to Japan, people from around the world have developed a broader and deeper interest in our country, spanning from food and traditional culture to pop culture. However, to continue to build friendly relations with countries amid a complicated global landscape, we must not become complacent with the current situation. It will become more important than ever to promote sustained mutual understanding and foster friendship through international exchanges with respect. Drawing on my experience in tourism management, and by embracing a multifaceted and conscientious approach, I will work to create valuable international exchanges that form a part of public diplomacy and align with the times.

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