

Keynote Address

“Breakthrough Innovation -IOWN-“

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Venue: International Conference Center, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Speaker:



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After joining NTT in 1987, he had been engaged in R&D of radio and satellite communication systems. His specialized field of research was highly efficient data transmission schemes for integrated-media systems. He became the head of NTT Service Evolution Laboratories and the head of NTT Service Innovation Laboratory Group in 2014 and 2016 respectively. Since 2018, he had served as a senior vice president and the head of Research and Development Planning. He was also appointed as Director of the board of NTT Research Inc. He became an executive vice president in 2020, a senior executive vice president in 2022, and a chief executive fellow in 2025.

Prior to that, he served as President of ITE (The Institute of Image Information and Television Engineers) from 2018 to 2019 and as President of IEICE (The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communications Engineers) from 2022 to 2023. He has been the President and Chairperson of the IOWN Global Forum since 2020.

He received the TTC (The Telecommunication Technology Committee) Information and Communication Technology Award in 2019. He received his B.E. and M.E. degrees in engineering from Waseda University, Tokyo, in 1985 and 1987, respectively. He also received his Ph. D. in Informatics from Kyoto University, Kyoto in 2009.