

2021 Annual MeetingOfficer/Director bios

Nominated officers for term ending 2022

Hitoshi Nishimura (Japanese First Vice President)

Mr. Nishimura is Vice President, Human Resources of Toyota Motor North America (TMNA), where he leads organizational management, talent development strategy, and labor relations. Prior to Joining TMNA in 2019, Hitoshi was employed by Toyota Motor Corporation in Japan as General Manager, Training & Development Department, Human Resources Division. He is responsible for implementing and standardizing Toyota's corporate philosophy and ways of working with other people for its employees. Mr. Nishimura was also employed by Toyota Motor Europe in Belgium as Director, Human Resources & Administration Division. He graduated from Kobe University with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He also holds an M.B.A. from Claremont Graduate University in US.

Kyoko Vivas (Japanese Second Vice President)

Ms. Vivas is the Director of Passenger Sales for Japan Airlines. She moved to the United States in September 1997 and, in May 1998, joined Japan Airlines' Marketing of Passenger Sales department in Chicago as a contract employee. She became a full-time employee in August 1999. Ms. Vivas moved to the DFW metropolitan area in June 2007 as Account Executive of Passenger Sales. Currently, she has the responsibilities of passenger sales in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. She volunteers with the Commerce division of the Dallas Japanese Association. She is married, has three children, and enjoys spending time with family. She joined the JASDFW Board in 2016 and has been active on the Dallas-Sendai Committee.

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Don Casey

Mr. Casey is Senior Vice President-Revenue Management for American Airlines. He is responsible for all of American Airlines' passenger pricing and yield management activity for its worldwide network. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Casey was responsible for managing and developing American's bilateral alliance relationships throughout the world, as well as American's participation in the oneworld Alliance. Before joining American in 2000, he was Senior Vice President of Planning for Canadian Airlines. He holds a B.S. in applied mathematics and statistics from the University of Alberta and an M.B.A. from the University of British Columbia. Mr. Casey joined the JASDFW Board in 2004, served as President from 2012 to 2014, and has chaired numerous committees.

Richard Elieson

Richard (Rick) Elieson is President of the AAdvantage Program and Vice President of the Customer Engagement at American Airlines. Rick joined American more than 25 years ago, where his career began on the Japanese desk in American's Fort Worth Reservations office. He has since led organizations in Revenue Management, Digital Marketing and as the President of AA Vacations. With a combined responsibility for more than 12,000 team members, he most recently led the company's International Operations across 60 countries as well as serving as the President of American Airlines Cargo, a company that annually generates \$1 billion moving eCommerce, freight, produce and life-saving pharmaceuticals around the globe. Rick has also led organizations in Pricing Strategy, Pricing Operations, Loyalty Strategy, Merchandising, oversaw the company's 66 global websites, and established American's first Revenue Integrity group. He joined the board in January 2021.

David Nishida

Mr. Nishida is a Senior Managing Director, Chief Administrative and Operations Officer, and interim Chief Financial Officer for ORIX Corporation USA (ORIX USA). He is head of the company's corporate operations center in Dallas and is responsible for leading multiple ORIX USA group-wide functions, including enterprise resource planning, information technology and security, operations, cost management, facilities management, and business continuity. Mr. Nishida brings to ORIX USA more than 35 years of private equity, accounting, and finance experience in the U.S. and Japan. Prior to joining ORIX USA, Mr. Nishida held senior management roles at Hudson Japan KK and Morgan Stanley Properties Japan KK. More recently, he served as an independent advisor to Softbank Corp. of Japan, as well as active involvement on several private company and not-for-profit boards. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Nominated honorary and regular director for term ending 2022

Kazunori Nemoto (Immediate Past Japanese First Vice President)

Mr. Nemoto is Vice President, Corporate Strategy of Hitachi High-Tech America (HTA), where he leads Business Development, Business Planning, and Corporate Marketing. Prior to joining HTA in 2017, Kazunori was General Manager in Business Strategy Planning Division of Electronic Device System Business Group of Hitachi High-Tech which is HTA's foreign parent company in Japan, where he was responsible for marketing and planning business strategy for Semiconductor Equipment Businesses. He has more than thirty years of industry experience in engineering, product sales, and marketing. Before Hitachi High-Tech, Kazunori served as Senior Manager of Manufacturing Technology Department at Trecenti Technologies, and working for Hitachi Ltd. for almost 15 years in development and improvement of semiconductor manufacturing technology. Mr. Nemoto received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Science University of Tokyo, and a Doctor of Engineering degree from The University of Tokyo in 2003.

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Stacie Adams

Ms. Adams is the Vice President of Corporate Citizenship at Axxess, a fast-growing home healthcare technology company. She is responsible for designing and implementing Axxess' strategy for philanthropy and community engagement. Working closely with the executive team, Ms. Adams oversees the development of corporate citizenship goals, policies, and programs, while serving as liaison with key stakeholders at community organizations, nationally and locally, as well as nonprofit entities. Prior to joining Axxess in December 2017, she was Deputy Director at the Crow Museum of Asian Art. Ms. Adams is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. in marketing and management. She joined the JASDFW Board in January 2019.

Bryan Chance

Mr. Chance is a partner with the Global EY Advanced Manufacturing & Mobility practice in Dallas. He has more than 28 years of industry, advisory, and transaction experience. He is responsible for leading strategic growth with key clients in the automotive, manufacturing, technology, and mobility sectors. As Global Client Service Partner, he connects his clients with EY services that help them meet their strategic objectives in innovative ways. Throughout his career, Bryan has worked in markets across the globe, including North America, Brazil, Argentina, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, South Korea, Japan and China. Bryan is also leading EY's Global Connected Car Solution teams. His teams are developing innovative solutions to leverage connected car data in numerous ways. He chairs the JASDFW Golf Tournament Committee.

Joe Chapa

Mr. Chapa is VP of International Affairs & Sister Cities at the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. He heads the International Trade Development and Assistance Center, in Irving, TX, a joint program with the U.S.-Mexico Chamber. Mr. Chapa also serves as VP for the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, with responsibility in the area of Finance, while also directing the Chamber's chapters in Northeast and Central Mexico (Monterrey and Guanajuato). Previously, Chapa spent 20 years with Mobil Corporation (now ExxonMobil), where he undertook senior expatriate assignments in Colombia, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, and Zimbabwe. He is perfectly bilingual in English and Spanish, has a BSBA degree (Marketing) from Roosevelt University in Chicago, and an MBA (Finance) from Loyola University in Chicago.

Keiko Harris

Ms. Harris is a member of Technical Staff, RFAB Wafer Fab, at Texas Instruments, leading teams responsible for process and cost improvement and mentoring incoming engineering team members. She is a committee member for TI women's initiative worldwide remote site, strengthening relationships and communication between TI women in Japan and Dallas. Prior to joining TI in 2003, she worked for Agere Systems/Lucent Technologies/Bell Laboratories in Orlando, Florida. Born and raised in Japan, Ms. Harris earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in materials science and engineering at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2014.

Yosuke Honjo

Mr. Honjo is president and CEO of Ito En North America, Inc., a division of Ito En Ltd., Japan, the Tokyo-based beverage company that is the largest green tea distributor in Japan. He has leadership roles in several public organizations, including Japan Society in New York, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Nippon Club in New York, and is also a member of the advisory boards of the Columbia University School of Social Work and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Mr. Honjo is also an active member of the U.S.-Japan Council and is a major supporter of the Council's Emerging Leaders Program. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California's IBEAR MBA program and Waseda University.

Yohei Kanamura

Mr. Kanamura is the Executive Director and Chief Representative of the Dallas Representative Office for Sumitomo Mutsui Banking Corporation (SMBC). In this role, he is responsible for the banking business with Japanese and Asian corporates in Texas. He previously served as the Director and GM of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Brasileiro S.A. from June 2015 to June 2020 and took care of the business relationship with Japanese and Asian corporates in Brazil. Since joining SMBC in 1999, he has held roles to enhance wholesale banking business in Japan and outside Japan. From August 2004 to December 2010, he served as Vice President at the San Francisco Office, covering the areas from Seattle to Silicon Valley. He received a Bachelor of Laws from Hokkaido University in Japan.

Sho Kashiwabara

Mr. Kashiwabara is Vice President, Head of Japanese Corporate Banking (Dallas) for Mizuho Americas' Corporate Banking Department No. 1 (Dallas). He most recently worked in Mizuho's Canada office in Toronto, where he oversaw corporate financial relationships with Japanese companies, especially those in the automotive industry. He joined Mizuho Bank, Ltd. In 2007 and was posted at Yokohama-higashiguchi branch. He has also worked in M&A marketing, corporate financial analysis, and loan origination of medium-sized Japanese companies. He is a graduate of Keio University's Faculty of Law. Mr. Kashiwabara joined the JASDFW board in December 2019.

Takashi Kubota

Mr. Kubota has been an HR Business Partner at NEC Corporation of America since 2013. He started his professional career as an international grain merchandiser at the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) in Decatur, Illinois, where he exported U.S. corn and beans to Japanese customers such as Marubeni and Mitsui. Before joining NEC, he worked as an HR professional at major Japanese companies in the U.S. such as Nissin International and Toyota Tsusho. He studied at Oberlin College in Ohio and earned an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Tsukuba. While at Tsukuba, he was a Japanese Delegate at the 47th U.S.-Japan Student Conference. He served as Japanese First Vice President of JASDFW from 2015-2017 and 2019-2020.

Daisuke (Dice) Nakamura

Mr. Nakamura is Senior Relationship Manager, Global Commercial Banking – Middle Market, at Bank of America. Since 1999, Dice has been assisting corporations with marketing and business development initiatives. He has an extensive background in corporate finance, commercial banking and technology solutions. Mr. Nakamura served as president of The Dallas Business Club in 2015 and on its board from 2012-2018, and he is International Task Force Advisor at the Dallas Regional Chamber. Dice earned his Executive MBA from Baylor University and his B.M. in Music Business from New York University. He joined the JASDFW Board in January 2019.

Kohei Omori

Mr. Omori is Managing Director and Head of Dallas Agency for MUFG Union Bank. He most recently served as Managing Director, Head of Aviation, Shipping and Transportation Finance Department in the Solution Products Division at MUFG Bank, Ltd. His other past roles with MUFG include Director of the Global Planning Department in the Corporate Planning Division and Director of Investment Banking Division for the Americas. Mr. Omori joined The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd., now known as MUFG Bank, Ltd. in 1999. He holds a Bachelor of Political Science and Economics from Waseda University.