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KAZEKI Jun has more than thirty-five years of experience in the field of trade and economic policies. He has been also intensively engaged in the national security policy for the last decade. As from July 2023, he serves as Director-General for National Space Policy Secretariat at the Cabinet Office of the Japanese Government where he has engaged in formulating Space Technology Strategy and Space Strategy Fund. He works for the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development chaired by Prime Minister. In the past, he joined the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of the Japanese Government in 1990. Most recently he served as Executive Advisor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS Alliance) focusing on Economic Security and Emerging Technology. Between 2020 and 2022 he served as Director-General for Trade Control Department where he was responsible for export controls, export and import regulations, sanctions, investment screenings and trade remedies. He also worked for policy coordination on economic security including protection and promotion policies on semiconductors and other critical or important technologies. Before its role, he engaged in Growth Strategy including innovation policies at the Cabinet Secretariat and the macro and structural economic policies at the Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau. Between 2013 and 2015, he was Director for Security Export Control Policy Division where he worked on National Security Strategy (2013) of Japan and drafted Three Principles of Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology (2014). Between 2007 and 2013, he was Director for WTO Rules and Dispute Settlement and Counsellor for Permanent Mission of Japan to the WTO in Geneva where he led the Rules negotiations (industrial subsidies and antidumping) and several WTO cases including the rare earth material case. He was the chairman of the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures between 2008 and 2009 in the middle of Global Financial Crisis. Between 2002 and 2005, he worked for the OECD Trade in Paris as Senior Trade Policy Analyst. He was chief deputy Director for Trade Finance Division where he addressed the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997 and 1998. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo in 1990. He earned a master's degree from Columbia University Law School (LLM '95) and was admitted to the New York State Bar. He earned another degree at the School of Law of New York University (LLM Trade Regulation (Antitrust and Economic Laws) '96).