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Following several appointments in Japan's foreign service, specializing in international trade policy issues, Professor Watanabe has now brought those skills and experience to the senior academic post he has filled at Keio University since 2005.

Prof. Watanabe's distinguished career has featured significant engagement in all the major bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations in which Japan has been involved in the past two decades. This included the role of policy advisor to relevant Ministers, and postings to Japan's diplomatic missions in Brussels and Geneva.

He was Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan from 2002-2004 and served as Chief Negotiator for the Japan-Mexico Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Working Party on Russia's Accession to the WTO. He was Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2004. He has been a member of the Task Force on Japan-India Economic Partnership, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2006.

Prof. Watanabe completed his BA and MA and was PhD candidate in International Relations at Sophia University, Tokyo. He also studied at the College of Europe in Bruges under Belgian Government Scholarship. He is the author of a number of publications on GATT/ WTO and trade and economic partnership agreements. His most recent book on the TPP (Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement) has been ranked one of the top-ten best-selling books on economics in December, 2011 in Tokyo.

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Areas of expertise:

International political economy, World Trade Organisation, FTAs (Free Trade Agreements) and Trade Rules/Negotiations

Biography:

Professor Watanabe (Osaka, 1953) is currently Professor of International Political Economy at Keio University, Japan

[Experience]

- Special Assistant on GATT/UNCTAD Issues, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (1985.3. -1988.3)
- Economic Affairs Officer, Tariff Division, GATT Secretariat, Geneva (1988.4-1990.4)
- Associate Professor of International Political Economy, Faculty of Economics, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan (1990.4-1997.8)
- Special Assistant on Trade Policy Issues, Mission of Japan to the European Union, Brussels (1995.7-1998.7)
- Professor of International Political Economy, Faculty of Comparative Culture, Otsuma Women's University, Tokyo (1997.8-2005.3)
- Deputy Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan (2002.5- 2004.3)
- Chief Negotiator for the Japan-Mexico Economic Partnership Agreement (2002.5-2004.3)
- Chief Negotiator, Working Party on Russia's Accession to the WTO (2002.5- 2004.3)
- Chief Negotiator, Working Party on Trade and Competition Policy (2002.5- 2004.3)
- Senior Official for Trade and Investment (SOMTI), ASEM (2002.5- 2004.3)
- Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan (2004.4.-2004.11)
- Professor of International Political Economy, Faculty of Policy Management, Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC), Keio University, Japan (2005.4 to date)

[Education]

- Department of Philosophy, Sophia University, Tokyo (Bachelor of Arts) (1972.4-1976.3)
- Department of Economics, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium (Certificate of Advanced European Studies) (1976.9-1978.6)
- Graduate School of International Relations, Sophia University, Tokyo (Master of Arts in International Relations in 1981, Candidate for Ph.D. in 1982)

[Other Professional Activities]

- Member of a semi-governmental task force on Japan-Korea Free Trade Agreement (1999.1-2000.3)
- JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) expert to conduct WTO seminars in Kazakhstan and Latvia (1999. 8-10)
- JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) expert to conduct a WTO seminar in Tehran, Iran (2000.8)
- Member of a research team on WTO New Round issues at the Institute of International Policies (IIPS), (Sekai-heiwa kenkyuusho), Tokyo (2001.8-2003.3)
- Chairman of a task force on Japan-China Trade Relations and the WTO Rules, Institute of Japan-China Economic Cooperation, Tokyo (2001.11-2002.3)
- Member of a committee on Capacity-Building Cooperation within the WTO System for developing economies of the APEC, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Tokyo (2000.10- 2002.3)
- Member of the Joint Study Group on the Japan-Chile Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) (2005.1-2005.10)
- Member of the Task Force on Japan-India Economic Partnership, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, Japan (2006.7- present)
- JICA expert to conduct a WTO seminar in Alger, Algeria (2007.3-4)

[Publications]

- 1) The GATT and the Uruguay Round (co-author with Prof. Tamotsu Takase), Toyo Keizai, Dec. 1993, revised version Jan. 1999
- 2) Law and Politics of Contemporary Japan, (co-author with Prof. Masanobu Kato), Sanseido, July 1994

- 3) "The United States and the European Community in the Uruguay Round", International Affairs, Japan Institute of International relations, May 1994
- 4) "Perspectives of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in East Asia and the WTO System", Journal of International Economic Laws, Japan Association of International Economic Laws, October. 2001
- 5) WTO Handbook; Issues and Perspectives of the Doha Development Agenda, JETRO PRESS, Tokyo, Japan, October 2003
- 6) FTA-EPA Negotiations, Nihon Keizai Hyoron Sha, May 2007
- 7) The GATT/WTO System and Japan, Hokuju Publications, October 2007