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■Career summary

Research Associate, Faculty of Engineering, Tohoku University (1992-1994)

Research Associate, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University (1994-1996)

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University (1996-2002)

Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University (2002- present)

Researcher, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) PRESTO (1997-1999)

Special Advisor to the President, Tohoku University (2006-2012)

Vice President for Public Relations, Alumni Association and Information Systems, Tohoku University (2012-2018)

Executive Vice President for Strategic Planning, Provost, Tohoku University (2018-present)

■Recognition

Received more than 20 awards, including the IEE Ambrose Fleming Premium Award (1994), the IEE Mountbatten Premium Award (1999), the IEICE Outstanding Transaction Paper Awards (1990 and 1997), the IEICE Inose Award (1997) and the Ichimura Prize in Science (2008), as well as awards from international conferences/symposiums such

as ISMVL, ISPACS, SASIMI, COOL Chips, EMC and CHES.

■Current Research:

Research interests include theoretical aspects of computation, computer design and organization, digital signal processing, image processing, computer vision, biometric authentication, forensic human identification, and security issues in computer systems.