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■Education

- Dr. Sci., 1990, Tokyo Metropolitan University
- M.S., 1985, Tokyo Metropolitan University
- B.S., 1983, University of Tokyo, Japan

■Career summary

- Principal Investigator, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University, 2019-Present
- Director, Principal Investigator, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University, 2012 -2019
- Distinguished Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University, 2008 -2014
- Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University, 2004-Present
- Associate Professor, Mathematics Institute, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University, 1999-2003

■Awards / Fellowships

- The 25th Saruhashi Prize (2005)
- President Special Prize of Tohoku University (2006)
- President Education Award of Tohoku University (2010)

■Research

Geometry, Discrete Geometric Analysis

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■Languages

Japanese and English

■Publications

- A Discrete Surface Theory, M. Kotani, H. Naito, T. Omori, Computer Aided Geometric Design 58 (2017) 24-54
- Materials inspired by mathematics, M.Kotani and S.Ikeda, Science and Technology of Advanced Materials (STAM), 17(1),(2016),253-259
- A new direction in mathematics for materials science, M.Kotani and S. Ikeda, Springer Briefs in the Mathematics of Materials, vol.1, Springer, 2015
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