

Curriculum Vitae

Masaki OGATA



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Mr. Ogata was born in 1952, joined Japanese National Railways (JNR) in 1974 and afterward was assigned to East Japan Railway Company (JR East) when JNR was divided and privatized in 1987. He has been consistently working for railways for more than 40 years.

In JR East, after he held various management positions including Manager and General Manager of Department of Customer Service, Investment Planning, Labor Relations, Public Relations and Transport Safety, he joined the Board of Directors as Director of Transport and Rolling Stock Dept. in 2002. Since he was engaged many times in drafting the 'safety middle term plan', today he is considered as a leader in the field of safety within the company.

From 2008 to 2011, as Executive Vice President and Head of Railway Operations Headquarters, he held the full responsibility to operate safely and reliably the entire railway network, which 17 million passengers use daily, and at the same time strongly increased the level of JR East's railway business such as speed increases of High Speed Rail to 320 km/h, evolution of ICT and further development of Suica, the smartcard ticketing system which JR East introduced in 2001.

As Vice Chairman of JR East since June 2011, he has been driving open technological innovation and open globalization onward to enhance quality and variety of overall business domain of JR East. Also he has been commissioned as Vice-President of UITP (International Association of Public Transport) since May 2013 and is actively playing the role to promote further development and global awareness not only of JR East but also of public transport sector in the world.