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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Registered as a lawyer in 2015. From 2017 to 2019, he was engaged in airport concession projects as lead counsel at the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; he was also involved in aviation policy planning. In 2019, he studied abroad at Cranfield University (MSc Air Transport Management) in the UK and researched the business management of airlines, airport companies, and airport privatization cases. In addition to cross-border aircraft finance, he has been involved in PPP/PFI projects including transportation infrastructure from each perspective of the public/business/lender side. He has also been working on aviation and tourism-related legal affairs, including research on cases of financial incentives provided to airlines that are sourced by local governments in order to develop air services, and advanced cases of digital transformation/digital innovation. He also serves as a member of the Council for International Development of Aviation Infrastructure in the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Aviation.

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## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Led Japanese airport concession projects as lead counsel at the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau from 2017 to 2019.
- Advised major banks and global companies concerning legal issues in finance, forging close relationships with clients and colleagues.

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## CAREER HISTORY

**Nishimura & Asahi: Tokyo, Japan – Associate (2020- To date)**

**Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism – Japan Civil Aviation Bureau: Deputy Director (October 2017 to June 2019)**

**Mitsui Company: Tokyo, Japan – Associate (January 2015 to September 2017)**

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## EDUCATION

**Cranfield University, Air Transport Management MSc (2019-2020)**

**Modules:** Introduction to the Air Transport Industry, Regulatory Policy & Air Law, Air Transport Economics & Finance, Air Transport Strategic Management, Air Transport Market Analysis & Forecasting, Air Transport Operations, Air Transport Marketing, Research Methods & Statistics, Group Project (Setting up a start-up airline based at Birmingham Airport in the UK, in charge of Regulation and Corporate Governance), Individual thesis (Japanese Airport Concession Contracts: Case Studies of Fukuoka Airport, Hokkaido Bundled Seven Airports, and Kumamoto Airport)

**Admitted to the Bar of Japan (2013)**

**Kyoto University, Graduate School of Law (2009-2011)**

**Kyoto University, Faculty of Law (2004-2009)**

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## SKILLS, INTERESTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Languages:** Fluent Japanese and English