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SPEAKERS BIO



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Shingo Miyake (born 1961) is a native of Kagawa and a graduate of Waseda University, School of Political Science and Economics (1986). He studied at Columbia University (1989-90) and also holds a LL.M. degree from the University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Law and Politics (1995).

Upon graduation in 1986, Miyake joined the Nikkei Shimbun and covered economic, finance, political and legal issues for the newspaper. Between 2003 and 2012, he worked as a senior staff writer. He has published several books on law and business.

Miyake launched his political career in 2013, running as a member for the ruling LDP. He was re-elected in 2019 and is currently serving his second term in the House of Councillors. In the House of Councillors, he was a member of the Committee on Budget and the Research Committee on International Economy and Foreign Affairs and the Special Committee on Okinawa and Northern Problems. In the LDP, Miyake served as Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Division, Deputy Chief Secretary of the Research Commission on Intellectual Property Strategy, and Manager of the Special Committee on IT Strategy.

As of December 2021, Miyake is member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Research Committee on National Life and Economy. Miyake is also a member of the Japan-US Parliamentary Association.

Upon inauguration of the Kishida administration in October 2021, Miyake was appointed and serves as Parliamentary Vice-Ministers for Foreign Affairs.



Naoya Yoshino
Chief Political Editor, Nikkei Shimbun

Naoya Yoshino is the Tokyo-based head of Nikkei's political news group. As a political reporter, he interviewed 15 Japanese prime ministers, from Morihiro Hosokawa to Fumio Kishida, and covered the finance and economy ministries. He worked as a Washington correspondent from 2012 to 2017, reporting on the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections.



Jakob Edberg
President & CEO, GR Japan

Jakob Edberg has been deeply immersed in Japan's politics and policy-making for two decades. As President & CEO of GR Japan, he works and helps clients solve complex political and regulatory challenges in a large variety of sectors and fields - retail, energy, pharmaceuticals, financial services, project financing, foreign policy, and trade just to mention a few.

Before co-founding GR Japan, he was Policy Director at the European Business Council in Japan, where he supervised government outreach and advocacy for over 300 companies in 29 sector committees. He also served as a senior trade officer at the Swedish Embassy in Tokyo. Representing international businesses' interests on ministry and party committees, he has a wealth of experience with the Japanese administration and Diet, on everything from front-page trade issues and technical product standards, to successful campaigns for new legislation and financial regulation.