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- Director, International Research Center for Hydrogen Energy
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Dr. Kazunari Sasaki was born in 1965. He graduated Tokyo Institute of Technology for bachelor and master degrees. He then joined Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zürich), Switzerland, and received a Ph.D degree in 1993. After spending 10 years in Europe, he became an Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences, Kyushu University in 1999. He became a Professor of Faculty of Engineering in 2005. He has been appointed as a Distinguished Professor of Kyushu University in 2011 for his outstanding contributions as a professor. He is a Senior Vice President of Kyushu University since 2016, Director of the Next-Generation Fuel Cell Research Center since 2012, Director of the International Research Center for Hydrogen Energy since 2006, and WPI Principal Investigator of International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research since 2010. He is currently acting as a temporary member of Council for Science and Technology, Japanese Government, a member of Science Council of Japan, and a Vice President of Fukuoka Strategy Conference for Hydrogen Energy. His research areas are materials and process research on fuel cells and related electrochemical devices and systems. He is one of the most active leaders in fuel cells and hydrogen energy research in Japan.

*Career History*

1993	Dr. sc. techn. ETH, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zurich), Switzerland
1993-1995	Postdoctoral Researcher, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zürich), Switzerland
1995-1999	Visiting scientist (invited by the Max-Planck-Society), Max-Planck-Institute for Solid State Research, Stuttgart, Germany
1999-2005	Associate professor, Kyushu University
2005-present	Professor, Kyushu University
2006-2009	Director, Hydrogen Technology Research Center, Kyushu University
2006-2010	Deputy Director, Research Center for Hydrogen Industrial Use and Storage (HYDROGENIUS), AIST
2009-present	Director, International Research Center for Hydrogen Energy, Kyushu University
2010-2012	Associate Director, International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I <sup>2</sup> CNER), Kyushu University
2010-2023	WPI Principal Investigator, International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I <sup>2</sup> CNER), Kyushu University
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