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Mr. Yoshihiko Kato is a high-profile business scheme development and project management consultant with vast experiences in sustainable financing, environment and energy business consulting, public-private partnerships project scheme development. His recent major working fields are; Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Thailand. Having obtained his first degree of Master of Engineering (ME) at Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University in Japan, he is also a transport engineer by profession. His second degree of Master of Arts (MA) from School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, has significantly widened the scope of his work experience as the project manager for various development assistance projects. Mr. Kato received extensive training in project management to obtain his Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute in US, as well as trainings on project cycle management (PCM) and as internal auditor for ISO 9000 and 14000 series management system implementation.

### **Experiences:**

Mr. Kato has experiences of working at a policy consulting firm, government ministry, trade & investment firm and university. He started his career as a public transport engineer and development consultant at Mitsubishi Research Institute, a leading policy consulting firm in Tokyo, Japan, where he accumulated experiences through more than 20 cases of econometrics and socioeconomic analyses for both regional and urban transport infrastructure development projects. as parts of the feasibility studies and detailed planning. He was, then, transferred to the Middle East and North Africa Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, to serve as the officer-in-charge for the Middle East Peace Process Multilateral Talks, covering economic and trade development, transport, water resources, and the environment. During the service, he also contributed to the first Palestinian Election as the secretariat for the election observers. Completing the two and half years' service terms, he returned to Mitsubishi's Research Institute, then to be despatched to the Institute's London Office in UK as the Deputy Representative, where he spent three and half years as the policy analyst on UK and European affairs. After the first half of the posting term, he took over the position of the Chief Representative, to be dealing with the external relations as well as the policy analysis.

Mr Kato's career as the international development consultant for the emerging economies started with his heavy involvement in various technical assistance projects conducted under the World Bank. The projects ranged from the Middle East economic development, African infrastructure development, and Asia-Africa trade enhancement. Based on various experiences of successful World Bank technical assistance project management, he obtained a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute in the US. With the possession of

both expertise on international project management and skills on econometrics, he was chosen to become one of the founding advisory team member for the Mitsubishi Corporation's Innovation Center, where he contributed to project formulation for the green economy promotion businesses in Jordan, Kenya, Libya, Tanzania and Mozambique.

After 25 years of professional career, he became one of the co-founders of a new business entity, Shinonome Keikaku K.K. established for consulting, trade and investment business activities. He is the Director and Chief Project Manager for the consulting business arm of the company, now branded as aube consulting. Four pillars of consulting services offered by aube consulting are: (1) Development project management, (2) Environment & energy business formulation, (3) Infrastructure project scheme designing, and (4) ICT-based business process planning.

He also practiced teaching at Tokyo City University, an innovative private university in Tokyo, as a non-permanent lecturer on international communication management.

### **Degrees and Membership:**

Mr. Kato possesses two master's degrees, with one being Master of Engineering, majored in Transport Engineering (Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University), and another being Master of Arts in Diplomacy, majored in the Post-war Commonwealth Politics. He is a full member of the Society of Project Management of Japan.

Mr. Kato resides with his wife in the heart of Tokyo, near the University of Tokyo Botanical Gardens. He jogs around the garden in his spare time, and listens to classical guitar music. He has three daughters, who have already grown up, making their own livings.