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Kenji Isezaki is a member of the House of Councilors in the Parliament of Japan and a Professor Emeritus at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

He spent 17 years at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and 4 years at Rikkyo (St. Paul's) University, engaging in research and teaching as a professor specializing in international relations with a focus on international conflict and security. He has also served as a visiting professor at overseas universities, including Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines and the University for Peace in Costa Rica. At the Joint Staff College of Japan's Ministry of Defense, he taught elite officers from the Ground, Maritime, and Air Self-Defense Forces for 18 years. Today, most current commanders of the Self-Defense Forces have been exposed to his expertise. Simultaneously, he is recognized as a scholar with firsthand field experience, stemming from the extensive practical background detailed below.

He devoted himself to Afghanistan as Special Envoy of Japanese Government for DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration) after fall of Taliban regime till April 2004, to dismantle Afghan Warlords (Northern Alliance). The DDR was regarded as the most crucial component in the SSR (Security Sector Reform) conceived by US and NATO and Japan was the lead country together with UNAMA. He was instrumental in creating a Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Afghan DDR within UNDP. He also served with the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) as Chief of DDR, overseeing the disarmament of nearly 50,000 pro- and anti-government militias to end the decade-long civil war. Additionally, he served with the United Nations

Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) as a UN-appointed Governor, overseeing UN Peacekeeping Forces and Police.

Prior to his diplomatic and UN assignments, Kenji worked at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan's largest endowment organization, as a Program Officer, developing peace initiatives between Palestinian and Israeli NGOs.

As the foundation for his international career, Kenji Isezaki acquired managerial skills in international development during his 10-year tenure as a Director for Plan International, one of the world's largest NGOs, managing programs in Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Ethiopia. In Sierra Leone in 1990—on the brink of civil war—he was appointed City Councilor of Makeni by the then president.

He is the author of numerous books on disarmament, nation-building, counter-terrorism, radicalization, US and NATO affairs, and Japan's national defense. Life-or-death experiences in his past led Kenji Isezaki to pursue jazz as a professional trumpeter.

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