



Ayaki Ito

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Born in Tokyo and graduated from Columbia University with a Master of International Affairs, Ayaki Ito has devoted his entire UN career to helping refugees, forcibly displaced and stateless people. After working as a UN Volunteer in an active conflict zone in Bosnia and Herzegovina, he was dispatched by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, as a Junior Professional Officer (sponsored by the government of Japan) to Myanmar where he was involved in the repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh. He has worked with UNHCR in a variety of field and protection roles in Rwanda, Armenia, Sudan, Lebanon, and Somalia, as well as in donor relations with the World Food Programme based in Tokyo. Later in his career, he returned to Myanmar as UNHCR Deputy Representative and also served as Deputy Director, Asia Pacific Bureau at UNHCR's Geneva Headquarters. After serving as UNHCR Representative in Syria and again in Lebanon as the Representative, he took up his current role as UNHCR Japan Representative in January 2023 where he continues to advocate for refugee causes both globally and in Japan. He is fluent in English, French and Japanese.

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大学院卒業後、国連ボランティア(UNV)としてボスニア・ヘルツェゴビナに、日本政府の JPO (Junior Professional Officer) 制度を通じてミャンマーに赴任。1992 年に UNHCR でのキャリアをスタートし、ボスニア、ミャンマー、スーダン、アルメニア、レバノン、ソマリアなどで難民保護の業務に従事してきた。UNHCR 本部では、国際保護総局保護官、アジア太平洋地域局次長を務め、国連世界食糧計画(WFP)日本事務所への出向も経験。UNHCR シリア代表、UNHCR レバノン代表を経て、2023 年 1 月から UNHCR 駐日代表。