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Mr. Ishiai has been a senior staff writer for the Asahi Shimbun, a leading daily newspaper in Japan since April 2022 after serving as Middle East Editor (Cairo bureau chief), Foreign News Editor, London Bureau Chief, and Deputy Managing Editor both in Tokyo and Osaka HQs. He has been diplomatic correspondent since 1996 with long experience of international affairs throughout his time in Washington DC, Cairo, London, and Tokyo. He has covered wars, conflicts and political turmoil in the Middle East extensively including 2nd Intifada in Palestine, Iraq War, the Arab Spring, the collapse of the Gaddafi regime, the Civil War in Syria etc. During his career, he has conducted exclusive interviews with leaders and heads of state including President Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine, President Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan etc. While he was the foreign news editor, US President Obama gave a written interview to the newspaper and the newspaper organized a lecture by German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel in Tokyo. He was chosen as a member of Dialogue among civilizations between Japan and the Islamic World (2002-12) as well as a

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He has also covered domestic politics and Japan's diplomatic policies since 2001 as political reporter in Tokyo, and the chief correspondent at Japan's Foreign Ministry.

He has lectured at universities and think tanks in Japan on diplomatic and defense issues in the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. He serves as a moderator in the annual peace conferences "A path towards nuclear abolition" cohosted by the Asahi Shimbun and cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki since 2022.

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1964年大阪市生まれ。88年、朝日新聞社入社。主に国際報道分野で活動し、特派員としてワシントン、カイロ(各2回)、ロンドンで勤務。ワシントンでは、イラク戦争を取材。2011～13年、中東アフリカ総局長(カイロ)としてアラブの春、シリア内戦、リビアのカダフィ政権崩壊、パレスチナなどを現地取材。ヨーロッパ総局長(16～19年)として、英国の欧州連合(EU)離脱(ブレグジット)、欧州のポピュリズム、ウクライナなどを取材した。国際報道部長、編集局長補佐などを経て、2022年4月より現職。アッバス・パレスチナ自治政府議長、アブドラ・サウジアラビア国王(当時)、ハッサン・ヨルダン元皇太子ら各国首脳、元首との単独会見多数。外務省「イスラム世界との文明間対話」、「日英21世紀委員会」、「日独フォーラム」などに参加。国際報道分野での報道のほかクラシック音楽の評論活動も。著書に「戦場記者 危険地取材サバイバル秘話」(朝日新書、2015)、「響きをみがくー音響設計家 豊田泰久の仕事」(朝日新聞出版、2021)、共著に「核兵器廃絶への道」(同、1995)など。広島、長崎両市と朝日新聞が毎年共催する国際シンポジウム「核兵器廃絶への道」モデレーター。同志社大学客員教授。