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Mr. Akira Kimura is the Senior Vice President of the Americas and the Regional Manager of the Eastern region of the USA for Japan Airlines. He graduated from the University of Tokyo, in the school of economics, in 1982 and started working at Japan Airlines thereafter. Within Japan Airlines, and his over thirty years career in the industry, he has experience in operation, corporate planning, cabin attendants' administration and planning, product development, passenger experience and planning, as well as auditing. During 1985-1987 he was transferred to the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan before resuming his work with Japan Airlines. He has held his current position since June of 2015. He also has a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) qualification, as well as a JCAB Dispatcher license.