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**Makoto Washizu**

Mr. Makoto Washizu is the President of Japan International Transport Institute, USA (JITI). Prior to the assumption of the current position, he was an Ambassador of Japan to the Slovak Republic and had been working as the Deputy Vice-Minister for Tourism Policy of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) where he had held many important positions since his joining in 1972. As the Director-General of Tourism, he devoted himself to promoting tourism including the “Visit Japan Campaign.”

In relation to logistics, Mr. Washizu was the Director-General of the Maritime Bureau and Director-General for Policy Planning which targeted cargo transportation.

Mr. Washizu has had an additional diplomatic career as a Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Tokyo in 1972 and was a Postgraduate student at the Institute of Transport Economics, University of Leeds, U.K. in 1977-8.