

Yoshimitsu Kobayashi

Position/Department/Division/Institution/Organization

Chairperson, Carbon Recycling Fund Institute

Country

Japan

Career history

His career started at Mitsubishi Chemical Industries (current Mitsubishi Chemical) in 1974. After managing optical media business, he led Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings as CEO from 2007 for eight years and has currently been Chairperson since 2015.

Kobayashi assumed several key roles to lead the Japan economy. He assumed a position of Doyukai Chairman (2015-19). He served as Chairman of Japan Petrochemical Industry Association (2012-14) and Chairman of Japan Chemical Industry Association (2014-16) and also as Chairman of Council on Competitiveness-Nippon (2015-18). He has started a new career as Chairperson of Carbon Recycling Fund Institute since August 2019.

Kobayashi has assumed as various governmental roles. He served as a member of Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy (2013 – 14) and as a member of Council for Industrial Competitiveness (2014-16) and a member of Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters (2015 -19). He has currently been a member of Council for Advancing Structural Reform since 2016 and a member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation since March 2018.

Kobayashi assumed Outside Director in Tokyo Electric Power Company and Japan Display from 2012 to 2015 and has served in Toshiba Corporation since 2015.

Areas of expertise

Kobayashi received his Ph.D in radiation physics in the University of Tokyo in 1975. He also studied in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1972 and the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa in 1973.