

After earning a Doctorate in Medicine from the Graduate School of Medical Sciences at Kyushu University, he engaged in research as a visiting scholar in the Department of Gastroenterology at Northwestern University in Chicago, USA. Upon returning to Japan, he gained extensive clinical experience at institutions such as the National Cancer Center Hospital and Fukuoka Red Cross Hospital, further deepening his expertise in surgery.

Subsequently, he joined Kyushu University Hospital, where he was involved in advanced surgical treatment focused on hepatobiliary and pancreatic diseases in the Department of Surgery I and the Department of Endoscopic Diagnostics and Therapeutics. He also developed a new telemedicine system, which eventually promoted remote medical education around the world, utilizing live broadcasts of endoscopic surgeries. After serving as Director of the Telemedicine Development Center of Asia, he was appointed Professor of the International Medical Department in 2016. Since then, he has strengthened international collaboration across clinical practice, education, and research, contributing to the advancement of medicine in general and international medical cooperation.

His areas of specialization include gastrointestinal surgery, telemedicine, and international medical collaboration, with a particular focus on medical human resource development and educational support in the Asia-Oceania region.

Following his retirement, he was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University. Since October 2020, he serves as Vice President of Kyushu University (International Affairs) and Executive Research Director at the Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies, where he continues to promote university-wide internationalization and actively contributes to social initiatives centered on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).