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## Biography

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LL.M. Susumu Takai is the President of Japan Security Strategy Research Institute, SSRI. He graduated from the Postgraduate School of Aoyama Gakuin University, and then started his carrier as a research fellow on international law at the National Institute for Defense Studies, NIDS, of the Ministry of Defense. He engaged his research on international law of the sea, international law of air and space and UN Peacekeeping. During the periods in NIDS, he provided his lecture on international law at various universities and postgraduate schools. He retired from NIDS when he was a director of the library and archives.

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