

**MASAFUMI WATANABE**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Masafumi Watanabe, from Okayama, Japan was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Watanabe has 40 years of experience in the metal processing industry and is currently chairman of Hokuto Co. where he oversees operations and personnel.

As member of the Kurashiki Nishi Lions Club since 1993, Director Watanabe has held a number of offices within the association including district GLT coordinator, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district GMT coordinator.

In recognition of his service, Director Watanabe has received several International President's Awards and an International President's Leadership Award. He has also been recognized with an LCIF Chairperson Award. Director Watanabe is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Watanabe is director of the Okayama Organ Bank and vice chairperson of the Karashiki Disaster Volunteer Coordinator Liaison Committee.