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Yuko Kaifu is the President of [Japan House in Los Angeles](#). She started her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Her assignments include the Embassy of Japan in Canada and the Ministry's headquarters in Tokyo. During her service in Tokyo, she was also appointed an official interpreter for dignitaries including Her Majesty the Empress, Foreign Minister, and Prime Minister of Japan. In 2001, she was appointed a Consul at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles. In 2007, she left the government to work at the Japanese American National Museum as the Vice President, and then at MUFG Union Bank as a Managing Director of Corporate Communications from 2009 to 2016. She joined Japan House Los Angeles in January 2016 to launch the project. She serves on the boards of U.S.-Japan Council, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies. She graduated from Nara Women's University and received M.A. in Sociology from Queen's University in Canada.