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Brief biography

Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, and Associate Director of Research at Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia University, has taught extensively both in the United States and Japan since his finishing Ph.D. in economics at Harvard University in 1979. He taught as Assistant and tenured Associate Professor (1979-88) at University of Minnesota, as Associate and full Professor at Hitotsubashi University (1988-2002), as Professor at the Graduate School of Economics at University of Tokyo (2004-2014) before assuming the current position in 2014. He held visiting professor positions at Harvard University, Stanford University; Columbia Business School, and Tun Ismail Ali Chair Professor at University of Malaya. He has distinguished academic and research appointments such as President of the Japanese Economic Association in 2004; Fellow of Econometric Society, since 1992; Research Associate at National Bureau of Economic Researchsince 1985; and Faculty Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research, since 2006. He was Editor-in-chief of Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, and is Co-Editor of
Asian Economic Policy Review. In an unusual move for a Japanese academic, Ito was also appointed in the official sectors, as Senior Advisor in the Research Department, *International Monetary Fund* (1994-97) and as Deputy Vice Minister for International Affairs at *Ministry of Finance*, Japan (1999-2001). He served as a member of the *Prime Minister’s Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy* (2006-2008).

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