

**KOJI TSURUSHIMA**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Koji Tsurushima from Sapporo, Japan, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Tsurushima has more than 30 years of professional experience across several fields of expertise including transportation, property management, finance and hospitality. He is CEO of three corporations including Asuka Transportation Co., Ltd., Asuka Kogyo Co., Ltd., and Kaiko Management Office Co., Ltd.

He was inspired to join the Sapporo Nakajima Lions Club in 1997 after seeing how Lions were helping individuals with disabilities and supporting youth sports. He has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson and LCIF East Japan area leader.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation as well as an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Tsurushima is active in numerous professional and community organizations including serving as director for the Special Olympics Nippon/Hokkaido. He has also served as Vice Chairman for the East Japan Business Cooperative for International Exchange Network and as managing director for both the SBYS JIGYO Cooperative and DOUOU JOUHOU Service Cooperative.

Director Tsurushima and his wife, Reiko, have three children and five grandchildren.