

Colonel WATANABE Kuniyoshi, Director of Japan Peacekeeping Training and Research Center

Service: Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) (1998 April)

Rank: Colonel (2017 July)

Branch: Field Artillery



Education:

1998 Mar graduated School of Economics, Nagoya University

2004 Apr Advanced Officer Course, Field Artillery School, JGSDF

2007 Jul graduated Command and General Staff Course (CGSC) Staff Collage

2015 Jul Peacekeeping Contingent Commander's Course, Japan Peacekeeping Training & Research Center

Major Military Career:

2007 Aug Battery Commander, 5th Surface to Ship Missile Regiment in Kumamoto

2009 Mar Training Officer, Operation Department, Eastern Army HQ in Tokyo

2011 Apr Operation Officer, Education and Training Department, Ground Staff Office, Ministry of Defense

2013 Mar Battalion Commander, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion (MLRS) in Sapporo, Hokkaido

2014 Mar Liaison Officer to U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) in Tampa, FL

2015 Apr Operation Instructor at CGSC, Staff Collage, JGSDF

2016 Jun Military Adviser, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York, NY

2019 Aug Chief of Evaluation, Plans and Integration Department, Training Evaluation Research Development Command (TERCOM) in Tokyo

2019 Dec Chief of Operations Office, Bilateral Coordination Department, Ground Component Command, Camp Zama

2022 Mar Commander, 1st Field Artillery Group in Chitose, Hokkaido

2023 Aug Commander, 4th Field Artillery Group in Kami Furano, Hokkaido

2024 Mar current assignment

Language: Japanese, English, French

He is married with a son.