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Mack is assigned as General Manager, International Affairs, Nippon Life Insurance Company, based in New York and responsible for international coordination, as well as accounting and regulatory matters. Previously, he reviewed Nippon Life's oversea operations, M&A, and global risk management policy.

Among other global activities, he is currently serving as the Sherpa of the Asia Pacific Financial Forum (APFF) Insurance and Retirement Income Work Stream, promoting long-term investments and longevity solutions by the insurance companies and pension funds in the Asia-Pacific region.

Formerly, he was employed by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and served as a member of the IAIS Secretariat, sponsored by FSA Japan, responsible for standards implementation, including technical assistance and training of insurance supervisors over 150 countries.

Prior to the BIS, he had 14 years of experience in Nippon Life Group, mainly on planning and research on accounting, regulations and pensions. He served as an active member in the industry task force on international accounting standards. He also spent 5 years in New York as a lead researcher at NLI Research Institute on banking, securities and insurance sectors in the US and Canada.

He has launched his personal websites, Mackglobe.com and Insurance-Finance.Com, research portal sites for industry professionals, regulators and researchers used in over 90 countries.

He holds a bachelor of law from Kyoto University, and MBA/MS Finance from HEC School of Management, France. He speaks Japanese, English, French, Spanish and some German.