

Nardello & Co. Expands Tokyo Office with Two New Senior Investigators

NEW YORK – August 1, 2019 – Nardello & Co. LLC, a leading global investigations firm, is pleased to announce the hiring of two new senior investigators to meet the growing demand for its investigative services from Japanese clients and multinational investors in Japan.

Michiharu Honda, a political intelligence specialist, joins the firm as a Managing Director and Head of the Tokyo office, while Komei Hiroshima starts as an Associate Managing Director. Both will report to Ben Rowse, the firm’s Tokyo-based Regional Managing Director for Asia-Pacific.

“As we continue to expand our operations in the Asia-Pacific region, Michiharu and Komei are excellent additions to the team in Tokyo,” said Mr. Rowse. “Their deep investigative experience and source networks will be of great value to clients looking to understand the political, social, and economic risks of conducting business in Japan and elsewhere in the region.”

Dan Nardello, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Nardello & Co., welcomes their appointments. “Both Michiharu and Komei’s backgrounds will enhance our robust capabilities and client offerings in Japan and the wider Asia-Pacific region,” he said. “Their recruitment marks the next phase of growth for our Asia-Pacific practice and will further bolster Nardello & Co.’s growing international presence.”

Mr. Honda previously worked for the Japanese government, serving as a Secretary for Policy and Legislative Affairs for both the House of Representatives and House of Councillors, the lower and upper houses of the National Diet of Japan, respectively. He has significant experience conducting a wide variety of political- and intelligence-focused investigations in Japan relating to organized crime, fraud, and corruption. Mr. Honda cut his investigative teeth at the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, the world’s largest circulation daily, where he worked for 16 years, including postings as the paper’s bureau chief in Phnom Penh and Jakarta.

Mr. Hiroshima previously worked in the forensic investigation practice of a Big Four accounting firm and has particular expertise in conducting FCPA-focused investigations for Japanese investors overseas. He began his career at Japan Airlines, where his responsibilities included the flag carrier’s operational risk management program covering internal controls, internal and external audit, training, and governance enhancement.

Biographies

Michiharu Honda

Prior to joining Nardello & Co., Mr. Honda worked for the Japanese government, serving as a Secretary for Policy and Legislative Affairs, for both the House of Representatives and House of Councillors of the National Diet of Japan. He began his investigative career at the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, one of Japan's leading newspapers, where he worked for 16 years, including postings as the paper's Bureau Chief in Phnom Penh and Jakarta.

As a proponent for peace-building and human rights issues, Mr. Honda served as a Senior Program Associate for the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peace Building, which was implemented by the Hiroshima Peace Builders Center (HPC) and commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Additionally, he was a member of the Japanese government delegation to Cyprus on behalf of another HPC program.

Mr. Honda received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont, and a master's degree in Area Studies on the subject of French Colonial Lao History from Sophia University in Japan.

Komei Hiroshima

Prior to joining Nardello & Co., Mr. Hiroshima worked in the forensic investigation practice of a Big Four accounting firm, where he focused anti-corruption, fraud, and litigation-support investigations across the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr. Hiroshima began his career at Japan Airlines, where he spent most of a decade working in a risk management capacity. His responsibilities included the airline's operational risk management program covering internal controls, internal and external audit, training, and governance enhancement.

Mr. Hiroshima received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations from Keio University.

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