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Maemura has more than 20 year career and experience in the Internet technical operations and coordination.   He started the Internet career at NEC Corporation, Japan, to launch its ISP business, which is now known as BIGLOBE, as a network engineer in 1994.   After that he started being involved in the Internet Coordination among ISPs and associations, as the emergence of commercial Internet in Japan, including the establishment of JANOG, the Network Operators' Group of Japan, and IP address management at JPNIC – Japan Network Information Center. Then his involvement expanded to the region when he was first elected to Executive Council of APNIC, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre, one of five Regional Internet Registries which administer the Internet number space for respective regions in 2000. He served as an EC member for 15 years, especially as the Chair of it for 13 years until February 2016.

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