

# Ms. Satoko Tomita

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## Professional Employment

2018.10-Present

Director of Crime Victim Support Division (JLSC HQs), Tokyo

2018.03-2018.09

Director of PR and Research Office (JLSC HQs), Tokyo

2012-Present

Attorney at Law, Sakuragaoka Law Office, Tokyo

2015-2018

Chief Advisor, SCC Project (JICA), Kathmandu, Nepal

2010-2012

Staff Attorney, JLSC Okinawa Law Office, Okinawa, Japan

2006-2010

Staff Attorney/Director of Sado Branch Office (JLSC), JLSC Sado Law Office, Niigata, Japan

2004-2006

Attorney at Law, Sakuragaoka Law Office, Tokyo

## Biography

As one of 24 first staff attorneys of JLSC, Ms. Tomita established a JLSC's law office in an island where 65,000 people resided with only one lawyer. While dealing with a huge number of cases brought into her office, she also tried to reach out the people who cannot come to the office by making a network with local stakeholders in the island, which was later developed to one of the models of legal social work of JLSC by her successors.

After JLSC transferred her to Okinawa District Office, she mainly handled court-appointed criminal defense cases including quasi-jury trials that were newly introduced in Japan in 2009. As a member of Okinawa District Office of JLSC, she took a strong initiative to organize a number of local events, which contributed to establishing the substantial collaborations.

Ms. Tomita explored the social structures that push people to the prison by studying for her master degree in Sociology (Criminal Justice) in the USA. Before moving to Nepal for a project implemented by JICA and Supreme Court of Nepal, she worked for a lawyers' collective for the victims of the Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima. Currently, she is working as a full-time director of JLSC.