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**Short Biography**

**Masakazu Aono** is the director-general of the International Center for Materials Nanoarchitectonics (MANA), National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS), Japan. He obtained his PhD from the University Tokyo in 1972, and was subsequently a research staff member at the National Institute for Research in Inorganic Materials (NIRIM) [1972-1986], a senior scientist at the Institute for Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN) [1986-2002], the professor of atomic-scale materials control at Osaka University [1996-2005], and the director-general of Nanomaterials Laboratory (NML), NIMS [2002-2006]. He arrived at the present position at MANA in 2007; MANA is one of the five research centers in the framework of the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI Program) launched by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) in 2007. His main research interests lie in nanoscience and technology, nanoelectronic devices, and surface science. He received the Minister of Japan Science and Technology Agency Award, the Minister of MEXT Award, the Japan Surface Science Society Award, the Feynman Prize in nanotechnology (USA), the Nanoscience Prize (International ACSIN Conference), etc., and was elected as a Fellow of the American Vacuum Society, the Institute of Physics (UK), the Japan Society of Applied Physics, and the National Institute of Materials Science (Japan), etc. He serves on editorial board of Surface Review and Letters, Probe Microscopy, Nanoscience, Small, ACS Nano, etc.