

SAKANO Akira

Co-founder, Green innovation

Nationality

Japanese

Career History

2015-2020: Chair of the Board of Directors, Zero Waste Academy, Japan - served to spread the zero waste community building concepts all over the world and showcased how a small town could be a model of change to the world.

Since 2020, founded Zero Waste Japan - delivers planning and implementation of zero waste policy and projects to local governments, communities and businesses in Japan and elsewhere.

Co-Founded Green innovation in 2021 to develop more than 1,000 “green innovators” to tackle climate change by 2030. Delivering “Green Innovator Academy” where educating students and young professionals to foster Green innovators to deliver Green transformation.

Joined ECOMMIT Co.,Ltd. in 2023 as Director & Chief Sustainability Officer to contribute in building infrastructure for the circular economy.

Global Shaper, World Economic Forum 2012 to 2020.

Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019.

Master, Kyoto University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies.

Awards / Publications

Nikkei Women of the Year 2022