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Kumiko Bando is Director-General of Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), JAPAN.

Ms. Bando was appointed to the present position in January 2012. Prior to that, she had served as Director-General in the Lifelong Learning Policy Bureau. From 2006 to 2009 she served as Director-General of Gender Equality Bureau in Cabinet office.

Since Ms. Bando started her carrier in the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (the predecessor of MEXT) in 1977, she has worked in various fields, ranging from elementary education to lifelong learning education. In this period, serving mainly at director positions she has played an active role especially in the field of higher education, financial affairs of elementary education and copyright.

At present, she engages herself in the ongoing project of university reform which includes internationalization of universities as an important pillar.

Ms. Bando holds a B.A. in Law from the University of Tokyo.