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Mr. Takao Onoda is Director General of Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization Center (JASIC), which assists the Japanese government in promoting the internationalization of vehicle regulations and certification through cooperation between the government and industry. JASIC has its head office in Tokyo and three overseas offices including the one in Washington DC. Before taking this post, he served as Director, Type Approval and Recall Division and Director, Office of International Affairs in Road Transport Bureau of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) in Japan.

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