



Akimi Takemura

President & CEO American Express Nippon Travel Agency, Inc

As the President and Chief Executive Officer for the American Express Nippon Travel Agency, Akimi Takemura is responsible for delivering consistent, high level travel services at this joint venture in Japan. She is also accountable for maintaining financial and regulatory integrity, the retention and increased acquisition of corporate accounts and all other aspects of the organization including operations, account development, technology, finance and supplier relations.

Akimi started her career at American Express in 1988 in the consumer card business. Akimi then took on various positions of increasing responsibility including Head of Sales and Marketing, Director of Finance, Lead Financial Officer for Travel Operations in Europe and Sales Governance Leader for Worldwide Sales.

Prior to American Express, Akimi worked for Avanti PR as a marketing and public relations associate conducting research to increase consumer awareness of high-end consumer goods. At Parco Company, she served as a marketing associate in charge of launching overseas fashion brands such as Benetton Italy and Polo Ralph Lauren in the Japanese market.

Akimi has a MBA from New York University and a bachelor's degree in education from Nagoya University in Japan. She also attended the Mergers and Acquisition Executive Graduate School at the Financial Institute of New York.

Akimi is based in Tokyo.

