

ROBERT (Skipp) M. ORR

Skipp Orr was President of Boeing Japan from 2002-2007. He was responsible for coordinating all Boeing business activities in Japan and directing a country team comprised of business unit leaders from each sector of the company. Concurrently he is Vice Chair of the National Association of Japan-America Societies for the 2003-2008 term. In May 2007 he will succeed former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale as Chairman of the Board of the Panasonic Foundation.

Prior to Boeing, Orr was Vice President and Director of European Affairs for Motorola N.V./S.A. in Brussels, Belgium. He was responsible for corporate relations with the European Union and its constituent institutions.

Dr. Orr has lived and worked in Japan for 22 years. From 1997 to 2000, he was the Vice President and Director of Government Relations for Motorola Japan. Before this appointment, he spent four years as Director of the Office of Government Relations for Nippon Motorola in Tokyo. He also served as Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce Japan from 1998-2000.

As an academician, Dr. Orr was Associate Professor and Director of the Institute for Pacific Rim Studies at Temple University's Japan campus from 1992 to 1993. From 1990 to 1992 he was Director of the Stanford Japan Center in Kyoto, Japan. He also taught political science at Temple University Japan between 1985 and 1990. His book ***The Emergence of Japan's Foreign Aid Power*** published by Columbia University Press won the Masayoshi Ohira Prize for best book on the Asia Pacific region in 1990.

Orr served in the U.S. Government as Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Asia in the United States Agency for International Development from 1981 to 1983. Previously, he was on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Asia and Pacific Affairs. And before that Orr was Legislative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Paul G. Rogers (D-FL) for two years. He has also had experience as a staff member in the Japanese Parliament (Diet).

Orr earned a B.A., cum laude, in history from Florida Atlantic University in 1976 (inducted into the alumni Hall of Fame in 1994) and an M.A. in government from Georgetown University in 1979. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Tokyo in 1988. He speaks, reads and writes German, Japanese and has intermediate skills in French and Dutch. As an aside, Orr was a German-English interpreter during the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

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Dr. Orr was born in Mt. Vernon, New York in 1953 and raised in Florida. He has been married with Mitsuko Tanabe since 1976 and they reside in both Japan and France with their Golden Retriever, Marina.