



BIOGRAPHY



TAKASHI WATANABE CHIEF ENGINEER, ELECTRIFIED VEHICLES

One could say that Takashi Watanabe is exactly where he wants to be. Throughout his younger years, he dreamed of developing automobiles. Since he joined the company some twenty-six years ago, he gets to live his dream every day.

Watanabe's experience spans a wide range of areas, including product planning for the Lexus LS and LC flagship models and development of the GA-L platform. His experience and expertise also includes the development of engines and exhaust systems, all of which will contribute greatly to his latest role as Chief Engineer of Electrified Vehicles.

A strong believer of learning by doing, experimentation, and learning fast by being open to failing fast, Watanabe does not dwell on ideas for too long. He puts an idea to the test and if it does not work, he quickly moves on to the next one. Watanabe expects and insists on a tidy, clutter-free environment, whether at work or at home, likely to ensure there is always room for that constant flow of ideas.

Outside of work, Watanabe enjoys practicing yoga, to promote core strength and optimize balance, posture and flexibility. It is not surprising to note that even his yoga practice is tied back to his love for developing automobiles, as he believes these same components need to work seamlessly together to craft amazing vehicles.