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Shoichi Ishii has over forty years experience in the oil and gas industry. Mr. Ishii joined Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (JAPEX), a leading Japanese E & P company in April 1973 after graduating from Niigata University with a bachelor's degree in economics, and served as Executive Vice President from June 2014 thru June 2018.

Mr. Ishii served as President of Japan CCS, an affiliate of JAPEX since its incorporation in May 2008, prior to assuming the position of Special Corporate Advisor in June 2020. The company is implementing the Tomakomai CCS Demonstration Project, Japan's first full-chain CCS project, as well as the investigation of potential sites for CO₂ storage offshore Japan.

Outside his responsibilities at Japan CCS, Mr. Ishii is Program Director of the "Development of Innovative Technology for Deep Ocean Resources Exploration" program of the Cross-ministerial Strategic Innovation Promotion Program (SIP), Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (CSTI), under the Cabinet Office headed by the Prime Minister of Japan. The program aims to explore for and develop submarine resources, in particular submarine hydrothermal ore deposits in Japanese waters.