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Dr. Nakamura graduated from the University of Tokyo and joined Hitachi Central Research Laboratory in 1967, where he was engaged in compound semiconductors and optoelectronics research. He was a pioneer of semiconductor DFB laser development. In 2004, he was appointed Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi Ltd., and then assumed a position of Board of Director till September 2011. He was responsible for corporate technology development and new business incubation. He was a visiting Researcher at California Institute of Technology in 1972-73.

Since October 2011, he has been serving as President of Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), where policy-driven R&D funding is a major mission. Also, the dissemination of scientific information, science education for young generation, and science communication are among current activities.

He has been actively working on national science and technology strategy. He served for Industrial User Society for Neutron Application, Industrial R&D Committee of the Japan Business Federation, Council of Competitiveness Japan, Management Committee of Tsukuba Innovation Arena, Nanotechnology Business Creation Initiative (NBCI), and Council for Science and Technology of Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Since April 2013, he has been appointed as President of Tsukuba Global Innovation Agency.

He is entitled IEEE fellow, JSAP fellow, and IEICE fellow.