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After receiving his PhD from Keio University in 1974, Anzai became a postdoctoral research fellow (1976–78) in the Departments of Psychology and Computer Science and then a visiting assistant professor (1981–82) in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, both at Carnegie Mellon University. He taught social psychology and cognitive science at Hokkaido University as an associate professor (1985–88) and was a professor of information and computer science at Keio University from 1988 to 2011, serving concurrently as the dean of Keio's Faculty of Science and Technology (1993–2001) and then as the president of Keio University (2001–09). After years in scholarship and administration, he assumed in 2011 the presidency of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), the government's representative funding agency for all the fields of academic research, staying until 2018. Anzai is now Executive Advisor for Academic Affairs, Keio University, and Senior Advisor for JSPS.

He has been engaged in research in cognitive and computer sciences, especially on learning and social interaction, since the mid-1970s, and has published nearly 400 reviewed articles and books. In 2015, Anzai was honored as a Person of Cultural Merit for his pioneering contributions to cognitive science and leadership for the integration of information and cognitive sciences. He received the *Commandeur de l'Ordre Palmes Académiques* from the French Republic and honorable degrees from *École Centrale de Nantes* in France and *Yonsei University* in South Korea.

Anzai has also contributed actively to governmental and international initiatives, such as serving as the chair of the Central Council for Education, a member of the Science and Technology Council, the president of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), the chair of the Global Research Council, a member of the high-level panel on 'Digital Cooperation' under the Secretary General of the UN, a member of the MIT OCW advisory board, and a member of the advisory board of ESSEC in Paris. He also has been an advisor for the IIT Hyderabad Supporting Consortium. Since 2018, he has worked as the chair of the advisory council for artificial intelligence strategy under the Cabinet Office.

Through these and other experiences, Anzai has been known, adding to his scientific activities, for his expertise in advising policies, particularly in domains of higher education and basic research, as well as science, technology, and innovation in general, to domestic and international organizations and societies.