

Andrijana Cvetkovikj, Ph.D., Ambassador (retired)

Andrijana Cvetkovikj has a Doctoral Degree from Nihon University, an Executive MBA from the Fox School of Business, Temple University, and a Master's Degree in Cinema and Media Studies from the National Academy of Theater and Film Arts of Sofia, Bulgaria. A native of Macedonia with fluency in Japanese, English, Macedonian, Serbian, and Russian, she spent 18 years in the USA, and Japan.

Cvetkovikj was the first resident Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia in Japan from 2014 to 2018. She was also the Head of the Digital Diplomacy Unit (2013-2014), and the Head of the Public Diplomacy Unit (2018) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Macedonia.

Cvetkovikj is the President & CEO of BrioNexus, Co., Ltd., a Tokyo-based consultancy firm, and a Founder of a non-profit organization Ambassadors of Change.

Cvetkovikj sits on the boards of Del Sole Corporation (a JASDAQ listed corporation), the Advisory Board of the OIST Foundation (the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology), and the Executive Board of the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Until recently, she served as the Director of Corporate Networks for North Asia for The Economist Group. Her academic career includes being a visiting professor at Kyoto University (2012), an assistant professor at the International Center for Japanese Studies (2010-2011), and an associate professor at the European University, the European Film and Theater Academy -ESRA, and other academic institutions.

She is a member of the Japan Board Diversity Network (JBDN), and the Worldwide Women Corporate Directors Organization (WCD). Cvetkovikj is an international speaker and a consulting expert on SDGs and ESGs. She spoke at the UN Conference on Climate Change in Tohoku, the World Economic Forum 2016; she moderated and presented at over 20 conferences organized by The Economist, and many other venues.

Cvetkovikj is also a filmmaker and an artist. She was a Director of TEDxKyoto events, and a Jury Member at the Tokyo International Film Festival 2021.

Cvetkovikj is a recipient of prestigious awards, including the Doctor Honoris Causa by the European University and the Inspiring Women Worldwide Award for 2022.