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Dr. Daisuke Tokita is the current Director of the Department of International Trials, Center for Clinical Sciences at the Japan Institute for Health Security (JIHS), formerly the National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM). He also serves as the Secretary General of the ARISE network since October 2024.

Dr. Tokita graduated from the School of Medicine at Hiroshima University in 1995 and started his medical career as a general surgeon specializing in gastroenterology and transplant surgery before earning his Ph.D. from Hiroshima University in 2005. From 2005 to 2008, he was awarded a postdoctoral research fellowship at the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Research Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, where he conducted research on transplant immunology. He subsequently worked in the Research and Development Department of a pharmaceutical company from 2010 to 2017, where he held various roles from CRA in the oncology field to clinical leader. He also served as a group leader at a drug discovery research institute, where he led a research team in cancer research, particularly in cancer immunology.

From 2017, prior to joining JIHS (then NCGM), he held academic leadership positions, including Specially Appointed Professor in the Industry-Academia Collaboration Division at Niigata University and Director and Professor at the Clinical and Academic Research Promotion Center at Tokyo Women's Medical University from 2019 to 2022. At JIHS, he initially served as the Director of the Clinical Research Promotion Department at the Center for Clinical Science and played a pivotal role in establishing the Clinical Research Network for Infectious Diseases in Japan. Since October 2024, he has been the Director of the Department of International Trials.

His area of expertise spans clinical research, transplant immunology, and cancer immunology.