

Hi. I'm Mariko.

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ALL ABOUT ME

I moved to London from Warrington in 2007 and started my career in reinsurance at a large broking firm. I worked for seven years as a reinsurance broker on Japanese and Australian insurance company accounts, before moving to my current role at Guy Carpenter. Outside work I unwind by running, cooking, and travelling - I find they help to focus my mind in a totally different way from work.

MY ROLE ASPIRATIONS

We directly support insurance company clients across the Asia Pacific region with their management and transfer of risk. I predominantly work on property business, arranging protection (reinsurance) for insurance companies. The world is facing new and more complicated risks every day. My career aspiration is to be equipped with the skills and knowledge to help guide individuals and organizations through these changes and the challenges they bring.

WHY I CHOSE (RE)INSURANCE

I earned a degree in languages and wanted the chance to use these skills, as well as to travel. I also wanted to work in an industry where I could develop technical knowledge early on – in my case, I was able to complete the ACII qualification (Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute) within three years of starting my career. A lot of people say they “just fell into” (re)insurance, and I’m no exception, but it’s worth remembering that (re)insurance is very much a people business. It’s always been about helping people to achieve their goals, whether it was a ship owner in the 18th century who wanted to insure a ship’s passage across the Atlantic, or a global insurance group that wants to protect itself against natural catastrophe losses. I think this will always be a feature of the (re)insurance industry, which is why I find my job rewarding.

WHAT SURPRISED ME MOST?

I have been surprised by the variety of disciplines, particularly in a (re)insurance broking firm. There is such a wide range of roles (brokers, actuaries, catastrophe modelers, claims experts, financial ratings advisors, business analysts, M&A specialists) all working together to achieve a common goal and to help our clients. It’s an exciting environment to work in.

