



# Shin Koyamada

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Actor | Producer | Philanthropist | Entrepreneur

Koyamada was born on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1982 in Okayama Prefecture, Japan and moved to the United States for the first time on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

Koyamada became best known to global audiences after his co-starring debut role in the Warner Bros. blockbuster Tom Cruise film “The Last Samurai” (2004), with a worldwide box office of \$456 million, earning it nominations for several awards, including four Academy Awards, three Golden Globe Awards, and two National Board of Review Awards. Koyamada became first Japanese to star in the Disney Channel worldwide hit TV movie “Wendy Wu Homecoming Warrior” (2006), which had over 5.7 million viewers at its premiere, making it one of the highest viewed Disney Channel movies in the United States and the highest rated kid’s channel in Europe, U.K. and Japan. Since then, Koyamada has appeared in many award-winning American movies and TV shows since his Hollywood debut in 2003.

In October 2005, Koyamada cofounded Shinca Entertainment, an American producer of motion picture films, shows, comic books and video games headquartered in Los Angeles, CA. Under his leadership as producer, Shinca produced numerous storytelling projects, including original comic book franchises “The Dreamhoppers” (2010) and “The Vortex Adventures” (2018) under its brand Genji Comics, published nationwide in the U.S.

Utilizing Koyamada’s unique international experience and network, Koyamada cofounded Shinca Enterprise, an international consulting firm in 2008, specialized in supporting quality American, Asian and foreign companies setting up international businesses, finding their business partners and business matchmaking. Over 10 years, Koyamada successfully carried the needs of Shinca’s clients, including a wide range of companies from a Fortune Global 500 company to a startup company in various business sectors.

In addition to his entertainment career and business ventures, Koyamada is well known for his philanthropic causes around the world. Founded on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Koyamada cofounded *KIF (Koyamada International Foundation)*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with its focus to inspire youth and women to achieve their dreams and aid for natural disasters. For over 10 years, KIF has yearly helped thousands of youth and women through its cross-cultural, educational and sports programs and has successfully raised substantial relief funds to aid victims of natural disasters, including the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. KIF has offices in Los Angeles, Tokyo and Bogota.

In 2017, Koyamada became the first native Japanese to be elected as *Sister Cities International (SCI)* national board member, the world’s largest citizen diplomacy network founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, representing more than 32,000 volunteers and 570 U.S. community members (cities, counties and states) with 2,300 sister partnerships in 150 countries on 6 continents.

Prior to the election, he was appointed as goodwill ambassadors for several large municipals and international organizations, including City of Kyoto, Okayama Prefecture, Japan-America Society of Southern California and Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics for Japan Karate Federation, a member of World Karate Federation, with 191 country members and 100 million practitioners around the world. He is married to Nia Lyte, a TED Talk Speaker.