# Lead Architect / Cloud Architect / Enterprise Architect

## Job Information

**Recruiter**
Placeton Inc.

**Hiring Company**
Reputed Insurance Firm | Tokyo | Permanent Role.

**Job ID**
1623491

**Industry**
Insurance

**Company Type**
Large Company (more than 300 employees) - International Company

**Non-Japanese Ratio**
About half Japanese

**Job Type**
Permanent Full-time

**Location**
Tokyo - 23 Wards

**Salary**
9 million yen ~ 14 million yen

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## General Requirements

**Minimum Experience Level**
Over 6 years

**Career Level**
Mid Career

**Minimum English Level**
Business Level

**Minimum Japanese Level**
Business Level

**Minimum Education Level**
Bachelor's Degree

**Visa Status**
Permission to work in Japan required

## Job Description

**Enterprise Architect – Insurance (Japan)**

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**The Role**

Lead technology architecture for key initiatives at a reputed insurance firm in Japan. You'll act as the trusted subject matter expert who aligns business and IT leaders on strategy, standards and roadmaps. The work covers applications, security, infrastructure, data and AI, all aimed at delivering clear business value, consistent with the firm's IT strategy.

**What You'll Do**

- Review the current IT portfolio, reporting and processes to find gaps, and simplify the landscape by reducing complexity and unnecessary variety.
- Translate business drivers and capabilities into information, technical and solution architecture requirements.

- Track industry and technology trends, and assess how they will affect the firm’s architecture in Japan.
- Develop enterprise standards and target roadmaps, and keep technology and business teams aligned to them.
- Run regular architecture, roadmap and standards forums, making sure action plans have clear owners among department executives.
- Work with external partners such as Microsoft, Oracle and IBM on architecture and solutions.
- Promote innovation, thought leadership and strong partnerships across the organisation.

**What You Bring (Must Have)**

- 8+ years in IT, including 5+ years in solution architecture design, and 3+ years in IT architecture governance.
- Solid knowledge of architecture practice, standards and planning in the financial sector, and the ability to discuss business and technology trade-offs, including cost and delivery roadmaps.
- Wide technical architecture knowledge: SOA, APIs and microservices, cloud services, and data architecture.
- Strong understanding of LLMs, foundation models and responsible AI, plus experience designing enterprise solutions on cloud AI platforms such as Azure AI.
- Security-first design skills, including AI-specific threat modelling and a deep understanding of IAM for agentic systems.
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills with audiences from engineers to executives, and the ability to build strategic relationships with business groups and vendors.
- Leadership across multiple teams in a changing environment.
- Japanese (required) and business-level English.

**Nice to Have**

- Life insurance or wider financial services experience.
- Hands-on Kubernetes, OpenShift, AWS or Azure.
- Enterprise architecture frameworks such as TOGAF or Zachman (strongly preferred).

**Leadership Style**

You think strategically, build trusted partnerships across global and cross-functional teams, motivate people, model company values, put the customer first and drive results.

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