

Short bio of Akihisa NAGASHIMA



Akihisa Nagashima is an eighth-term member of the House of Representatives with the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP). Mr. Nagashima joined the LDP in June, 2019. He currently serves as the Deputy Chairman of the Policy Research Council of the Liberal Democratic Party.

He previously served as State Minister of Defense in 2012. He also served as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs and National Security in 2011-12 and 2024-25, and Parliamentary Vice Minister of Defense in 2009-10.

Mr. Nagashima also served as the Chairman of the House Committee on National Security in 2021, the Special Committee on North Korean Abductions and Other Issues in 2022, and the Special Committee on Reconstruction of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2023. He also served previously as the ranking member of the House Committee on National Security, 2005-06, 2013-14 and 2019-2021; Committee on Foreign Affairs, 2006-07 and 2010-11; Special Committee on Anti-Piracy and International Terrorism, 2008-09, and Committee on Education, Sports, Science and Technology, 2016-17.

He taught public policy at the Chuo University Graduate School as a Visiting Professor between 2002 and 2017, and Keio University Graduate School of Law as Professional Lecturer between 2002 and 2012.

Prior to his political career, Mr. Nagashima joined in the Council on Foreign Relations in 1997 and worked at the Council Washington Office as a research associate for Asia Security Studies specifically in charge of the Task Force on Korea, and lately as an adjunct senior fellow in Asia Studies. Before studying and working in Washington, D.C., he conducted a research on the history of the Japan-U.S. alliance as a visiting scholar at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1993-95.

He earned his M.A. in International Relations/International Economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. in 1997, and previously received LL.M. in Constitutional Law from Keio University Graduate School of Law, Tokyo in 1988.