

## Short bio of Akihisa NAGASHIMA



Akihisa Nagashima is a fifth-term member of the House of Representatives with The Democratic Party (DP). He currently serves as the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education, Sports, Science and Technology, and the member of the House Special Committee on Promotion of Science and Technology, and Innovation.

He has also been teaching public policy at the Chuo University Graduate School as a Visiting Professor since 2002. He previously served as Senior Vice Minister of Defense in the Noda Cabinet in 2012. He also served as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda for Foreign Affairs and National Security in 2011-12, and Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense in the Hatoyama and the following Kan Cabinets in 2009-10.

Before serving in the administration, he was ranking member of the House Committee on National Security, 2005-06; Committee on Foreign Affairs, 2006-07 and 2010-11; and Special Committee on Anti-Piracy and International Terrorism, 2008-09. He also served as Director-General of the Research Council on Foreign Relations and Security Policy, 2010-11; Deputy Chairman of the Diet Affairs Committee, 2010-11; Deputy Secretary General, 2007-09; and Deputy Chairman of the Policy Research Council, 2005-07, of the DPJ. He previously served as the Shadow Minister of Defense in the DPJ's Next Cabinet, 2005-06. He also taught at Keio University Graduate School of Law as Professional Lecturer between 2002 and 2012.

Prior to his political career, Nagashima joined in the Council on Foreign Relations in 1997, and worked at the Council Washington Office as a research associate for 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/Economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. in 1997, and previously received an LL.M. in Constitutional Law from Keio University Graduate School of Law, Tokyo in 1988.