

Seiji Maehara

Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism



Mr. Seiji MAEHARA was elected to Kyoto prefectural Assembly at the age of 28 after he graduated from the Department of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Kyoto University and the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management.

He was first elected to the House of Representatives in July 1993, and is now serving his sixth term. His main political themes are diplomacy, security, and financial reconstruction. In September 2009, he was appointed as Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. In order to strengthen Japan's industrial competitiveness, deal with global environmental issues, and contribute to the economic and social development of other countries, he actively promotes development of transport and infrastructure projects abroad including high-speed rail.

Known as a major fan of railways as well as sports such as baseball, he has taken many photographs of Japanese steam-engine locomotives as a hobby.

September, 2009	Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs
August, 2009	Elected to House of Representatives (sixth term)
August, 2007	Vice President, DPJ
September, 2005	President, DPJ
September, 2005	Elected to House of Representatives (fifth term)
September, 2004	Next State Minister for Defense (DPJ, "Next Cabinet")
December, 2003	Next Minister of Foreign Affairs (DPJ, "Next Cabinet")
November, 2003	Elected to House of Representatives (fourth term)
December, 2002	Next State Minister for Defense (DPJ, "Next Cabinet")
September, 2001	Deputy Secretary General, the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)
June, 2000	Elected to House of Representatives (third term)
October, 1996	Elected to House of Representatives (second term)
July, 1993	First elected to the House of Representatives
April, 1991	First elected to Kyoto prefectural Assembly
April, 1987	Entered the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management
March, 1986	Graduated from the Department of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Kyoto University