

Yukihisa Fujita

Mr. Yukihisa Fujita was born in Hitachi-shi, Ibaraki Prefecture. After graduating from the Faculty of Letters' Department of Philosophy at Keio University, he took part in the MRA (Moral Re-Armament) international goodwill mission "Song of Asia" together with 50 young people from 15 countries in Asia and the Pacific. In this group he made a round of visit to 14 countries in two years and stayed at about 100 family homes in all those countries. He has visited to 51 countries until now and stayed at the homes of approximately 200 families.

In 1996, he was first elected to the House of Representatives (Lower House) in the Diet of Japan after working as an executive director for the Association for Aid and Relief(AAR) and the International MRA Association of Japan (later, International IC (Initiatives of Change) of Japan). In the same year, he established the Diet Member's League for a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Landmines and helped Foreign Minister Obuchi to sign the Ottawa Treaty in 1997. In 2003, he was re-elected as Member of the House of Representative.

In 2007, he was elected to a member of the House of Councillors (Upper House). He has held various positions successively such as the Director for the International Department of the Democratic Party of Japan, the Chairman of the Special Committee on North Korean Abductions, the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Affairs and Chairman of the Committee on Fundamental National Policies in the House of Councillors.

From September 2011 to October 2012 he served as Senior Vice Minister of Finance in the Noda Cabinet. He was in charge of the Budget Bureau, Finance Bureau and the Bank of Japan.

He has been sent by the Democratic Party to help the victims in those disaster areas such as the aftermath of the tsunami in Sumatra and the earthquakes in Pakistan and Haiti. He was sent to Jordan to assist in efforts to release five Japanese nationals held hostage in Iraq in 2004.

He is now:

Director-General, International Department of the Democratic Party of Japan

Director, Special Committee on Okinawa and Northern Problems, the House of
Councillors,

Member, Committee on Health, Labour and Welfare, the House of Councillors

Member, Budget Committee, the House of Councillors

Lecturer, theYokohama National University

He has a wife, a daughter and two grandchildren.