

Hirofumi RYU

Vice Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Date of Birth: January 3, 1965 (Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture)

Member of the House of Representatives

Constituency: Kanagawa Prefecture Electoral District No.9 (Elected 3 times)

Education

Mar. 1989 Graduated from Keio University (Faculty of Letters)

Mar. 1983 Graduated from Shuyukan Senior High School, Fukuoka Prefecture

Career

Sep. 2010 Vice Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Jul. 2010 Director, Committee on Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology,
Policy Research Council, Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ)

Sep. 2009 Senior Vice Chairman, Diet Affairs Committee, DPJ
Lead Director, Standing Committee on Education, Culture, Sports, Science
and Technology, House of Representatives

Aug. 2009 Elected to the House of Representatives (3rd term)

Apr. 2008 Chairman, Kanagawa Prefectural Chapter of the DPJ

Sep. 2005 Chairman, National Rallying and Canvassing Committee, DPJ

Sep. 2005 Elected to the House of Representatives (2nd term)

Nov. 2003 Elected to the House of Representatives for the first time

Oct. 1994 TV Asahi Corporation, Broadcasting Department

Apr. 1989 TV Asahi Corporation, Marketing Department

Profile

After graduating from Keio University's Faculty of Letters, Mr. Ryu joined TV Asahi. Starting in the marketing department, he worked his way up to the politics department of the news bureau, where he covered the Prime Minister's Office. He was also in charge of news stories relating to the opposition party and the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP). As the successor to MATSUZAWA Shigefumi (the governor of Kanagawa Prefecture) he was first elected to represent Kanagawa's 9th district in the 2003 House of Representatives elections, and is now in his 3rd term.

Philosophy: You can't build a nation without educating its people

Interests: Reading, horse riding, golf

Family: Wife