

Akira Amari

Akira Amari, Member of the House of Representatives, Former Minister for Economic Revitalization, Diet Members' Alliance for the Promotion of the Content Industry, Advisor, Research Commission on Intellectual Property Strategy, Liberal Democratic Party



Akira Amari was born on August 27, 1949, in Kanagawa, Japan, located just south of Tokyo. After graduating from Keio University with a major degree in political science, he joined Sony Corporation in 1972. Two years later, he started working for his father Tadashi Amari, who served as the Member of the House of Representatives.

In 1983, Amari began his own political career. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time, and is currently serving his thirteenth consecutive term.

Amari has held numerous positions in multiple administrations and in the Liberal Democratic Party including:

- Minister of Labor (1998-Obuchi administration)
- Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (2006- Abe administration, Fukuda administration)
- Minister of State for Regulatory Reform, Administrative Reform, and Civil Service Reform (2008- Aso administration)
- Chairman, Policy Research Council, LDP (2012-)
- Chairman, Administrative Reform Promotion Headquarters, LDP(2017-)
- Chairman, Election Strategy Committee, LDP(2018-)
- Chairperson, Research Commission on the Tax System ,LDP(2019-)
- Head, Strategic Headquarters on the Creation of a New International Order, LDP(2020-)
- Head, Headquarters for the Promotion of a Digital Society, LDP(2020-)
- Secretary-General and Chairman, LDP(2021-)

In December 2012, Amari was appointed as the Minister for Economic Revitalization, and the Minister for Economic and Fiscal Policy under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Amari's responsibilities covered policy-making and implementing Abenomics, negotiating and reaching agreement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal, and initiating corporate tax reform. He has been chosen as one of the "50 Most Influential" people in global finance in the 2013 edition of Bloomberg market magazine.