

Seiko Noda

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Ms. Noda was born in Fukuoka Prefecture on September 3, 1960. She graduated from the Department of Comparative Culture, Faculty of Foreign Studies of Sophia University. After joining Imperial Hotel, she became the first female salesperson within the company's International Sales Department. Inspired by her grandfather's political career, Ms. Noda moved to Gifu Prefecture and launched her own election campaign in 1986. She was elected to the Gifu Prefectural Assembly in 1987. In 1993, she was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time (40th General Election). Ms. Noda served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in 1996 and Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in 1998. From 2008, she served as Minister of State for Special Missions, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety, and Minister of State for Space Policy. In December 2012, she was appointed to the position of Chairperson of the General Council of the LDP. She was elected to the House of Representatives for the 8th time in 2014 (47th General Election). Ms. Noda gave birth for the first time, after receiving a donor egg, at the age of 50 in January 2011.

Literary works include: *Umareta Inochi ni Arigatou* (SHINCHOSHA Publishing)