

Economic & Trade minister Hon. Isshu Sugawara

**Isshu Sugawara** (菅原 一秀, *Sugawara Isshū*, born 7 January 1962) is a [Japanese politician](#) of the [Liberal Democratic Party](#), a member of the [House of Representatives](#) in the [Diet](#) (national legislature)

#### Career

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Sugawara is a native of [Nerima, Tokyo](#), and a graduate of [Waseda University](#). After an unsuccessful contest in 1990, he was elected to the assembly of [Nerima, Tokyo](#), for the first time in 1991 serving for two terms. Having served in the prefectural assembly of [Tokyo](#) since 1997, he ran unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives in 2000. He ran again three years later and was elected for the first time.

His profile on the LPD website:

- Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Member
- Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Labour and Welfare (Abe Cabinet)
- Deputy Secretary-General of LDP
- Deputy Director, Health, Labor and Welfare Division of LDP
- Director, Economy, Trade and Industry Division of LDP
- Senior Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

#### Positions

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Affiliated to the openly [revisionist](#) and [monarchist](#) lobby [Nippon Kaigi](#), Sugawara supports the amendment of the Constitution of Japan, and a revision of the Constitution to allow the right of collective self-defense. He is opposed to the project that would allow women in the Imperial family to retain their Imperial status even after marriage, and to the plan to end all nuclear power plants by the end of the 2030s.